

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

Tournament Application

Charleston, SC May 7-10, 2025

Applications and payments due by April 11th

Choose ONE competition category: OFFSHORE/TRADITIONAL NEARSHORE

Captain's Name: _____ Boat Name: _____

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

Email: _____ Home: _____ Work/Cell: _____

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

Boat Manufacturer/size: _____ Registration #: _____

CAPTAIN AND PARTICIPANTS at \$80 each

Captain (BLACK ZIP TIE): _____	Phone: _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angler 2 (WHITE ZIP TIE): _____	Phone: _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angler 3 (RED ZIP TIE): _____	Phone: _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angler 4 (BLUE ZIP TIE): _____	Phone: _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angler 5 (YELLOW ZIP TIE): _____	Phone: _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angler 6 (GREEN ZIP TIE): _____	Phone: _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Number of Non-Anglers Attending Awards Dinner*: _____ x \$65 = \$ _____

*(Non-Anglers may attend the Awards Dinner for \$65/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 William Mann at WilliamWinslowMann@gmail.com

For payment, Venmo funds to Mike Ball: [@Mball-ASWSCtreasurer](https://www.venmo.com/@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 - Palmetto Shootout

Charleston, South Carolina / May 7 – 10, 2025

Headquarters: St. Johns Yacht Harbor

Captains Meeting: Wednesday, May 7th @ 6:00 pm, Location TBD.

Awards Dinner: Saturday, May 10th @ 7:00 pm, Location TBD.

Tournament Fishing Days: Thursday, May 8th, Friday May 9th, and Saturday May 10th

Offshore Target Species:

- Mahi are running north and can be easily caught via trolling and/or pitching to weed patches. Remember the Atlantic mahi have a size restriction where the fish has to be 20+ inches.
- Included within the mahi, blue marlin so be prepared.
- Bottom and other species are also available **(will confirm closer to the tournament date)**:
 - o Amber jack
 - o Cobia
 - o Gag and Scamp Grouper (should open May 1)
 - o Mutton Snapper (yes, they are caught off Charleston)
 - o Vermillion Snapper
 - o Sailfish
 - o Trigger Fish (Queen, Gray and Ocean)
 - o Blackfin Tuna
 - o Black Sea Bass

Nearshore Target Species:

- o Redfish (Red Drum)
- o Trout
- o Flounder
- o Sheepshead
- o Spanish Mackerel
- o Cobia

Weigh-ins:

- **Offshore** is based on weight, using the ASWSC Offshore Points Matrix
 - o Weigh-in will be at the St. Johns Yacht Harbor.
 - o Boats must be docked at St. Johns Yacht Harbor by 6:00pm Thursday and Friday and 5:00pm on Saturday to qualify for weigh-in – No exceptions will be made on timing.
 - o If you have no fish to weigh, you are still expected to check in with the tournament director to ensure you have returned safely – If not, the US Coast Guard will be called.
- **Nearshore** is based on measurements, as submitted by pictures, using the ASWSC Nearshore Points Matrix.
 - o Photos are to be texted to the tournament director with your total score for the day – the tournament director will validate.
 - o Photos need to be submitted by 6:00pm Thursday and Friday and 5:00pm on Saturday – no exceptions will be made on timing.
 - o If you have no fish to score, you are still expected to check in with the tournament director to ensure you have returned safely – If not, the US Coast Guard will be called.

Lodging:

- **Many rentals around John's Island** – check Air BnB and VRBO. I have found Air BnB to be cheaper and have better cancelation policies (sometimes the day before) than VRBO.
- **If you have any questions as to location, please reach out.**

Logistics:

- **St. Johns Yacht Harbor** (<https://stjohnsyachtharbor.com>)
 - o 2408 Maybank Highway, Johns Island, 29455. PH: (843) 557-1027
 - o In-water dockage @ \$3.50 a foot at floating docks. Reservations made via the Marina's website (very easy to navigate) or use this link: [St Johns Transient Slips](#). Allows for use of facilities (including a pool if you are bringing your family).
 - o Gas dock at marine for on-water fuel and is one of the cheaper spots around Charleston.

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- **Trailer Storage**
 - o Trailer parking (~\$35 for the entire tournament period)
 - o Call or text Zac @ (843) 530-8886
 - o 2761 Abbapoola Rd, Johns Island, SC 29455
- **Public Boat Ramps**
 - o John P. Limehouse (on Stono River): 495 Main Rd, Johns Island SC 29455
 - o Wappoo Cut (between Ashley and Stono Rivers): Tranquil Dr, Charleston SC 29407
 - o Complete list of boat ramps by county: <http://www2.dnr.sc.gov/ManagedLands/BoatRamp/BoatRampCounty>

Limehouse will provide the best launch/retrieve location. Large parking lot with several ramps and the least amount of current. If you catch the current at a slack tide, Wappoo Cut is fine, but do not try without prior knowledge as the current is very strong.
- **Gas Station(s)**
 - o Bluewater Gas Stations all have ethanol free gas and have “longer hoses” at those pumps. The best and closest Bluewater to Limehouse is at the following address:
 - 2493 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29414

Tackle Stores / Bait:

- **Haddrells Point Tackle** (47 Windermere Blvd Charleston, SC 29407). (843) 573-3474
 - o Mud-minnows
 - o Fiddler crabs
 - o Shrimp (hit or miss)
 - o Everything else (frozen, artificial, terminal tackle, etc.)
- **West Marine** (975 Savannah Hwy #133, Charleston, SC 29407). (843) 402-6988
 - o Everything else (frozen, artificial, terminal tackle, etc.)
- **Cast Net:** Bait fish should be within the creeks (within the intercoastal waterway) and off of Morris Island (the lighthouse to the south of the Charleston Jetty)
- **Sabiki:** within the jetty (with squid on the hooks) will result in “larger” live bait

Safety:

- **If you will be more than 1 hour late for weigh-in or you are not participating in weigh-in, please let the tournament director know or the Coast Guard will be notified and you are responsible for any costs.**
- Charleston harbor has a large number of large cargo ships and pilot boats which will not slow down and can generate large wakes within the harbor/jetty - be careful if traveling through or fishing within the jetty.
- Once you are inside the jetty, follow the channel markers, the channel is deep and there are not many sand bars with the harbor, but they do exist.
- Be careful traversing through Wappoo Cut – the water can be moving quickly.
- There is one no wake zone as you travel through Wappoo Cutt (at the bridge and boat ramp) – this is marked and heavily enforced.

In accordance with the club rules, if there is a Small Craft Advisory warning, the offshore tournament fishing day will be canceled or geographically limited.

Local Entertainment:

- Charleston is known for its shopping and food. The main Charleston peninsula has King Street, if the non-fishers want to go shopping.
- There are also some of the best restaurants in the south – from fried seafood to classic French (with a southern twist). If you need any recommendations, just ask.

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