

Offshore / Traditional Format

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

“ Bay City Brawl ” - June 12-14, 2025

When:

- Planned Captain's Meeting: Thursday June 12, 5:00 pm at The Lay House - Bay City Lodge
- Tournament fishing: June 13,14 (Friday, Saturday) - 2 Day Format
- Planned Weigh-in location - Bay City Lodge Docks in person
- Weigh in times 6:00-6:30pm Friday; 5:00-5:30 pm Saturday
- Awards Banquet: Food Truck from “Tamara's On the Go” – Fish Fry (same as last year). Saturday June 14, Location: The Lay House – Bay City Lodge

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 but available on first come-daily basis; no slip reservation
- 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: An option for boats too big for Bay City's ramp.

Battery Park (Ten Foot Hole) Public Ramp / location link: <https://goo.gl/maps/WLdU2bucNTp>

- can accommodate vessels up to 40 ft.
- 4 double-wide concrete ramps with ample parking.
- \$10 Launch Fee (Link for details: [Battery Park Marina/Ramp](#))
- 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 / location link: <https://goo.gl/maps/nj3Ed6AdjZR2>

- Just up river from Bay City Lodge, can handle larger vessels and has plenty of parking
- 2 ramps and floating docks at each ramp
- No ramp fee

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Bait and Tackle Shops:

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

Live Pinfish: Sullivan's Live Pinfish/ 850-643-6965 / Boat will be at the Govt. Cut in the AM

- Pre-Order Fish – Call a few days ahead if possible. He may be at the Captains Meeting to take orders
- Generally, he supplies live Pinfish
- Meet him at his boat in the cut on the way out to fish

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 fresh

Note: I will try to arrange for Fish Cleaning to be available at Bay City for those who do not want to clean their catch. He will usually clean your catch that night, bag them by species, and put on ice in the icehouse. I believe he charges by the pound. Details at the Captains meeting.