

Atlanta Saltwater Sportsman's Club

Tournament Application

Florida Big Bend - St. Marks, FL October 22-24, 2026

Please submit applications and payments by **Oct 8th** to help us prepare.

COMPETITION FORMAT: 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 #: _____

PARTICIPANTS = \$50.00 each

	Captain:	Angler 2:	Angler 3:	Angler 4:	Angler 5:	Angler 6:
Phone:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
\$	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Non-Member
Junior

Number of Non-Anglers Attending Awards Dinner*: _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

*(Non-Anglers may attend the Awards Dinner for \$30/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 jedshipp@gmail.com or text photocopy to John Shipp: 770-846-2354

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 - Big Bend, FL Oct 22th - October 24th, 2026

When:

- Planned Captain's Meeting: Thursday October 22th, 6:00 on the dock at Shell Island Fish Camp, St Marks FL
- Tournament fishing begins after Oct 22 Captains Meeting (Fishing Fri-Sat) - 2 Day Format
- Text competition photos to John Shipp at 770-846-2354.
- Weigh-in times and further details will be announced at captains meeting.
- Awards Banquet and Dinner: Saturday October 24th, 7:30pm, location TBD

Other Tournament Information:

- Scoring - per the official ASWSC Catch and Release Matrix for Nearshore. Nearshore fishing limited to **Florida State Waters- 9 NM. Southern Boundary is the mouth of the Fenholloway River and the Western Boundary the is the West End of Dog Island Reef.**
- **Rules** - Specific information will be available with the Catch and Release Matrix, Guidelines and Tournament Rules available on the ASWSC Tournaments web page: <http://www.aswsc.org/tournaments/>

Where to Stay:

Shell Island Fish Camp / 850-925-6226 / 440 Shell Island Rd, St Marks FL. You can search their [web page](#) and [Facebook page](#). Shell Island Fish Camp and Campground will be our headquarters. They do not offer discounts but are the best priced in the area. **Fall is their high season, so book early.** They have 20 rooms and a number of cottages. They offer camping hookups on site and a boat lift. They offer boat slips for \$10 a night, first-come first-served. They have bait, tackle, and fuel. Their boat ramp is not usable at low tide but they are located less than a mile from the 3-ramp state facility in St. Marks. Trailer parking is available at Shell Island if you're staying there.

Best Western Wakulla Inn, Crawfordville FL / 888-223-5332 / This is on Hwy 98 and has amenities if you have a large group.

Magnuson Hotel Wildwood Inn, Crawfordville FL / 850-953-4168 / This is on Hwy 98 and is part of a golf course and has a nice restaurant next door.

The Lodge at Wakulla Springs State Park, Crawfordville FL / 850-427-1485 / This is near St Marks and has a great Old Florida Lodge Atmosphere.

There are also a number of Condos, Bed and Breakfast, Air B&B, and VRBO in St Marks and Shell Point (close by water).

Dockage / Ramps:

State of FL Public Boat Ramp at St Marks FL / This is less than a mile from Shell Island and is the best ramp for parking in the area. State fee. Easy access to St Marks channel. Fresh Water except at high tide.

Shields Marina St Marks FL / Shields is an all-purpose Marina with bait, tackle and marine parts.

Aucilla River Boat Ramp, Mandalay Bay FL / The Aucilla River has an excellent ramp but nothing else. \$5 Taylor Co Fee Access to Econfinia River, Rock Islands, Fenholloway River, and creeks and rock gardens between the Aucilla and St Marks.

Rock Landing Boat Ramp, Panacea FL / Rock Landing has an excellent ramp and a very nice restaurant. Easy access to West Bay, Ochlocknee Bay, and Alligator Point.

Main Fishing Targets and Areas:

Fishing tips will be discussed in detail at the Captains Meeting. We will be in normal fall fishing, depending on the temperature. Tides are rising in the morning through mid-day. High tides are high around 1:30 each day with a 85% moon. Low tides are high and high tides are above 3.5 feet (depending on wind and weather) so oyster bars should be covered most of the day and you will be able to get around at low tide. If you have never been to this area, I suggest you try a guide for one day. Shell Island or Shields can fix you up with a guide.

Our Normal 1st-3rd awards to winning boats, plus an award to longest speckled trout and longest red. Text John below with any questions.

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