

DMS NEWS

1958-2023 CELEBRATING OUR 65th YEAR

November-December 2022 January-February 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Hope you had a great holiday season and 2023 is off to a good start.

The first few months of this year are shaping up to be interesting for DMS. Parks plan to implement the proposed reservation system on summer weekends is going to be front and center. The press release DMS issued in response to that announcement is included in this newsletter on page 4. It covers DMS opposition to the reservation system. We will be taking this issue up with Parks staff again in February during our annual meeting with Parks staff and local legislators.

Many members have voiced their displeasure with the proposed reservation system. I have heard from many of you and I can promise that the DMS board, officers and myself are working hard on this issue. DMS wants to be part of the solution to this complex problem.

Our annual dinner is set for Saturday, March 11, 2023. Registration form is on page 5. Hope you can make it. Look for an announcement on some new member events set for this summer in the next newsletter!!!

Clark Evans
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DMS President

SOME RECORDS TO BREAK

If you plan to catch a Delaware state record fish you will have to best some big fish. Here are 5 of them:

Striped Bass 52 lbs.
(DSSP Surf 2012)
Bluefish 21 lbs. 15 oz.
(Rehoboth Beach 1980)
Flounder 17 lbs. 15 oz.
(Indian River Inlet 1974)
Weakfish 19 lbs. 2 oz.
(Delaware Bay 1989)
Kingfish 4 lbs.
(Bethany Beach 1973)

ANNUAL DINNER IS ON AGAIN FOR MARCH 11, 2023 AT FRANKFORD FIRE HALL

The Annual dinner is going to be held March 11, 2023 at the Frankford Fire Hall.

This year we hope there will be no cancellations due to health or weather.

The pricing has changed as there is just one price for each person. No longer will there be a couples price or non-member price, just one price for each diner.

The form to register is on page 5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2, 2023 DMS MEETING 7:00 PM .
Meet at Bill & Deb Wiechardt's, 31454 Kendale Road, Lewes, DE

March 2, 2023 DMS MEETING 7:00 PM .
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ANNUAL DINNER March 11, 2023 5:30 PM
doors open, Happy Hour at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. Frankford Fire Hall, 7 Main Street, Frankford, DE. See registration form page 5.

April 6, 2023 DMS MEETING 7:00 PM . Meet at Bill & Deb Wiechardt's, 31454 Kendale Road, Lewes, DE

June 3, 2023 9th ANNUAL ANDY & OPIE FISHING TOURNAMENT, Milton Memorial Park

SUMMER PICNIC - Details to be announced
September, 2023 SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY AT THE BEACH - Details to be announced
17th ANNUAL DMS INVITATIONAL SURF-FISHING TOURNAMENT October 6-8, 2023
Headquarters - Cape Henlopen State Park

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES - FORM ON PAGE 6

Please renew now. Failure to pay by March 1st will incur a late fee and possibly having your DMS number reassigned to someone else. You will no longer get a newsletter too.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS DELAWARE MOBILE SURF- FISHERMEN FOR 2023

The following people were elected in December and were installed at our January 2023 meeting to lead DMS in 2023, our 65th year:

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Special Director for Process Improvement:
Lydia Schmierer

Membership Secretary: Debbie Wiechardt
Tel: 267-250-4818
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DMS COMMITTEES

President Clark Evans announced the committee assignments at the December meeting. Clark also slightly reorganized the Committees.

The Committee assignments for 2023 are as follows:

Budget: Clark Evans, Dave Betts, Lydia Schmierer, Deb Wiechardt

Legislative: Clark Evans, Tom Hudecheck, Joe Simeone, Butch Evans

Adopt-A-Highway: Clark Evans

Beach Cleanup and Beach Grass Planting: Chris Ludlow, Bill Wiechardt, Debbie Wiechardt

By-Laws and Nominations: Jeff Stickle

Club Supply: Lydia Schmierer

Courtesy Patrol and Meet & Greet: Chris Ludlow, Bill Christie

Social Media and Website: Craig Manning, Clark Evans

Membership: Deb Wiechardt

Special Olympics/Andy and Opie: Deb Wiechardt, Kathy Fritz

Tournament: Lydia Schmierer

Annual Dinner: Clark Evans, Deb and Bill Wiechardt, Emmet Kelly, Keith Schmierer

Summer Picnic: Shaun Smith, Clark Evans, Todd Smith

Intraclub Tournament/Tournament Teams: Keith Schmierer

UMAPA: Bruce West

BBQ Fundraiser: Keith Schmierer, Bill Wiechardt, Jim Haug, Shaun Smith, Deb Wiechardt, Tom Hudecheck

MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS AND OFFICIALS

As many of you know, the DMS Board meets with elected senators and representatives along with various state officials each year, usually in February. This tradition will continue in 2023.

The meeting allows all parties to discuss issues of interest to DMS such as beach access, facilities maintenance, upcoming legislation, federal regulations, and other important issues affecting Delaware fishing and beaches.

If you have an issue that you think should be discussed, please contact an officer or board member and tell them what it is. It will be given consideration for inclusion in the meeting.

A list of officers and board members, with contact information, can be found on page 2.

DMS HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Each year during the holidays DMS makes donations to some worthy causes. Once again this year DMS donated \$500 to Thanksgiving for Thousands and \$1001 to the WBOC sponsored Bless Our Children drive.

IN THE WIND

At our December meeting Orsted Wind made a presentation about their proposed offshore wind farm Skipjack Wind. It will be officially based in Maryland but it is 20 miles offshore and will benefit the Delmarva peninsula. It was an informative talk about what they plan to do to supply power to the grid. They expect the start of energy delivery to be in 2026

The February meeting will also have a wind farm presentation from U.S. Wind. They will talk about the first phase of their MarWin project which will be 22 turbines about 20 miles off Ocean City. They expect energy delivery to start in 2025.

Both these companies have experience in developing offshore wind. These projects promise benefits to DelMarva of clean energy, additional good jobs, and investment in critical infrastructure both on land and at sea.

FIN NUMBER STILL NEEDED

If you plan to fish in saltwater this year you will need to get a FIN (Fisherman Identification Network) number. For Delaware residents, the FIN number is automatically assigned when you buy your license. If you are not a Delaware resident or not required to have a license, such as those over 65 years old, you still need to get a FIN number.

When you get a surf fishing permit for your vehicle, it acts as a license for the owner of the vehicle for only surf fishing while "actively engaged." If the owner does not have a regular license with a FIN Number, he or she must get a FIN Number.

To get your FIN go to Digital DNREC at <https://epermitting.dnrec.delaware.gov/permits-and-licenses> and click to start. The DNREC system treats the FIN as a license but there is no cost to get it. You will have to answer a series of questions and get your FIN number/license. You will then be able to print the "license"/FIN Number and you are set to go.

WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

If you have visited the DMS website (dmsclub.org) recently you know that it has a new look. The changing of a website has many facets to it. It takes time to get it all up and working.

Craig Manning, our webmaster, is working on it with TechnoGoober and progress is being made. Have patience and all will be up and functional in the near future.

FISHING QUOTE

Fishing on a moonless midnight in Outer Mongolia with non-English-speaking guides who had Genghis Kahn Vodka for supper takes guts.

Jessica Maxwell, "Twelve Flew Into the Cuckoo's Nest," A Different Angle: Fly Fishing Stories by Women (1995)

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DELAWARE MOBILE SURF-FISHERMEN CLUB RELEASES STATEMENT ON DELAWARE STATE PARKS' PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2023 DELAWARE SURF FISHING PERMIT PROGRAM

(BETHANY BEACH, DE) – In response to the November 2, 2022 announcement that Delaware State Parks would make changes to its mobile surf fishing permit program in 2023 (which includes removal of the cap on the number of permits sold and the implementation of a reservation system to surf fish on state-owned beaches), Clark Evans, president of the Delaware Mobile Surf-Fishermen Club (DMS) stated:

“The Delaware Mobile Surf Fishermen Club appreciated the opportunity to participate in the surf fishing stakeholder meetings convened by Delaware State Parks staff this summer. These meetings were created to study alternatives to the current surf fishing permit system by bringing together those deeply engaged in Delaware’s surf fishing permit program. The meetings were very productive.”

Mr. Evans continued, “DMS has concerns regarding the operational feasibility of the proposed reservation system. We voiced these concerns throughout the summer. We also shared concerns about enforcement issues and permit holder understanding and acceptance of the reservation system. Our strenuous objection to the reservation system and many other concerns were again communicated to Parks staff at our monthly membership meeting in October 2022.”

“DMS supports the removal of the cap on the number of surf tags sold each year,” Mr. Evans said. He continued, “We believe the cap created an artificial market resulting in the tags selling out progressively faster each of the last few years. This was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused many people to relocate to Delaware and subsequently desire surf fishing tags.”

Mr. Evans ended by saying, “We also support the evolution of Delaware State Parks’ management philosophy from a ‘hard cap’ model to a capacity-based model. We believe this will lead to a more enjoyable and safer user experience. We value the opportunity to provide input and will continue to do so as these proposed changes are further considered and implemented over the coming months. DMS urges our membership to learn more at our monthly meetings and comment via our email at info@dmsclub.org. We also suggest that the general public comment to Delaware State Parks via email at delawaresurfpermits@delaware.gov.”

For more on Delaware State Parks’ 2023 Pilot Program for Delaware Surf Fishing Permits, visit: <https://destateparks.com/surftagsales>.

Established in 1958, Delaware Mobile Surf-Fishermen, Inc. is a non-profit organization with over 600 members dedicated to preserving and enhancing drive on beach access, environmental stewardship, and sharing our love of surf fishing.

**DELAWARE MOBILE SURF-FISHERMEN
ANNUAL DINNER RESERVATION FORM
MARCH 11, 2023
FRANKFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
7 MAIN STREET, FRANKFORD, DE
DOORS OPEN 5:30 - HAPPY HOUR 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. DINNER AT 7:00 P.M.**

COST IS \$25.00 PER PERSON

NAME: _____ **TELEPHONE:** _____

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____ FOR ___ DINERS

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2023

WE ARE SORRY BUT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY PAY-AT-THE-DOOR FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER. Please return this form along with a check or money order made payable to DMS. Please pay by mail. We are in the process of updating the website and the payment function online may not be working.

Send by mail to:

**DMS ANNUAL DINNER
P.O. Box 455
Dagsboro, DE 19939**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you all know DMS is always looking for people to help out with the administration of the Club and the events we sponsor and participate in. If you can spare the time please come out and help out. The list of Committees on page 2 will give you a good idea of what is needed.

Chris Ludlow, Chair of the Courtesy Patrol/ Meet & Greet, is looking for people to work on these two activities. These are reoccurring events which are usually in the summer months. They are very important as they provide an opportunity to inform people not familiar with DMS about what we do and offer a good chance to recruit ne members. If these activities appeal to you, give Chris a call at 302-864-7631 and get involved.

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Delaware Mobile Surf-Fishermen, Inc.
2023 DUES STATEMENT

NAME _____ DMS NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS : _____

_____ Check here to get your newsletter via email

Please fill out the information completely, even if you have done so previously, so our records are correct. We don't have the correct addresses and emails for some members.

ENCLOSED IS \$ _____ (Current Member Annual dues are **\$25.00** per year; New Members **\$35.00**)

***PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES—Dues not paid by March 1st are subject to a late fee.
You may also have your number reassigned to someone else and no longer receive a newsletter***

Currently we are revising the website and the payment function there may be unavailable so, mail this form and check to:

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