

# **SMC FISH TALES**

AUGUST 2007

## **AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING**

Our August chapter meeting will be held Thursday, August 16 at the Solomons Firehouse. Pre-meeting activities including yard sale, shad sales, lure making, 50/50 ticket sales, and food provided by Smokey Joe's BBQ will begin at 6 pm.

The regular meeting will begin at 7pm. Our speaker will be Lou Blancato of Dominion's LNG gas facility at Cove Point. Mr. Blancato will be providing information about the facility and updating us regarding fishing and boat operating restrictions around the LNG dock. We have invited the members of the Solomons Charter Captains Association to join for this update of importance to all boaters in the area

## **LADIES' NIGHT**

The September 20th, chapter meeting will be Ladies' Night. Candy Thomson of the "Baltimore Sun" is scheduled to be our speaker. The meeting will feature special door prizes for the ladies as well as many of our normal meeting activities and door prizes.

## **CHAPTER PICNIC**

The chapter will be holding the annual picnic on Sunday, September 16th at Greenwell State Park. You may sign-up at the chapter meeting or by contacting Sam Stuber or Tom Kemp. It will cost \$15 per person to attend, children 15 and under are free. The chapter will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and crabs. Each family unit is expected to contribute a covered dish. Please coordinate your contribution with Sam.

## **MILITARY FISHING**

Planning is under way for a fishing activity for military members and their families from Walter Reed and veterans from the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. This event will be a joint activity of SMC-MSSA, CCA Patuxent River, and the VFW. Please check back for updates regarding this event.

## **MARI**

After over a year of our involvement with DNR and CBARC this week (August 13, 2007) the first delivery of material from the Wilson Bridge project is scheduled to be placed on the Cedar Point Reef. With several deliveries scheduled during the coming months the placement of this material should lead to a much-enhanced fishery in 2008. As this work progresses, planning continues to improve other permitted fish reefs within boating distance of Solomons.

## **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Early planning has begun for the chapter Holiday Party. We expect this event will take place on the weekend of December 8. Details to follow.

## **KID'S FISHING**

It has been a busy summer of providing fishing opportunities for children of the Southern Maryland Region. Our chapter has been involved in the following:

Greenwell State Park – Nine chapter members, using 6 boats, took 20 campers and staff from the summer camps sponsored by the Greenwell Foundation fishing on the Patuxent River.

Hooked On Fishing – Over 20 chapter members worked with almost 300 children enrolled in the summer camps of the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation Summer Camps. With the support of the staff of Point Lookout State Park all at the park's fishing pier had a great time.

Kids Fishing – Using the fishing pier under the Solomons Bridge, the chapter gave over 40 children from the Noah's Ark Learning Center a morning of fishing. After fishing these children went to Calvert Marine Museum.

### **CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS**

Check back for monthly issues of "SMC FISH TALES" or the chapter newsletter.