Sea Trail Fishing Club

Member's - Meeting October 15th, 2026

Pink Palace, Sea Trail Plantation, 295 Rice Mill Circle, Sunset Beach, NC

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Mike Shannon (Mike 1) followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. It was announced that 2027 club fees are unchanged at $20 annually and members can begin renewing their dues with club Treasurer Nick Leb. There were 37 members and guests in attendance.

New members Brian Kane, Tony Nicolletti, Mark Stewart, Joseph Vanyo, A. Hyatt and Richard Barker were introduced and welcomed to the club.

Guests Steve Cox, and Jim and Michelle Crouder were in attendance and welcomed.

The Meeting Agenda was presented and approved without change.

Minutes of the September 17th Member's Meeting were presented and approved by the members in attendance. It was agreed that members would continue not reading the minutes in perpetuity.

Nick Leb, Treasurer, next gave a brief update on Club finances. Nick's presentation was brief and well received. Cash balance was $9,808 with current liabilities of $1,920. Total revenue for 2026 stands at $4765.There were 195 club members as of the date of the meeting. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved as presented.

Mark Batchelor reviewed the main page of the website and Steve Pendegrass advised all to Op't IN if they are interested in going out fishing.

At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, guest speakers John Hall and Patrick Jones from N.C. Coastal Fisheries Marine Patrol were introduced.

Patrick Jones began with a brief review of their areas of responsibilities and geographic locations they patrol. They briefed on a number of topics and specifically reviewed the new reporting requirements for various fish that go into effect December 1st 2026 in NC. They then opened the floor up for questions/answers in which several questions were asked regarding differences in SC and NC waters. Their presentation was very informative and well received and concluded at 7:30 in which a 15 minute break was announced.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30. Mike 1 reviewed the upcoming elections for the outgoing president, secretary and member at large positions on the Club Board. Sandy Hermann was nominated for the President Position, Fred Pearson was nominated for the Secretary Position, and Roman Poremski was nominated as Member at Large Position. These are two year

commitments and voting is open Nov 1st - Dec 15th. The club has received two nominations for the Member Of The Year Award, Mark Batchelor and Steve Heins. However, Steve respectfully withdrew his nomination for the award and pledged his support to Mark Batchelor.

The fishing reports were then reviewed. It was noted there have been no submissions for the Red Drum Tournament thus far. The annual fishing tournaments were reviewed and discussion regarding removing handicaps for four core species or possibly all species were discussed. It was decided that a vote would take place at next month's meeting. Pier fishing report is good with Spanish and Blues being caught. It was also noted that surf fishing has also been good.

The Social Events team presented next. Sandy reviewed the TaKF Pier Event that was held Sept 26. Sandy thanked all who volunteered to include club members, graduate students and Rhonda (the photographer) to make this event a success. The event was published on the front page of the Brunswick Beacon Oct 1st..

Mike 2 reviewed the planned offshore charter scheduled for October 30th. He said there has been limited interest expressed so far. The charter will be limited to 10 fisherfolks and will be 12 hours out of Little River. The cost will be $245 + tip and cleaning.

Buddie reviewed the upcoming Friends of Seaside at the Pier to be held Nov 4th from 9-12PM. Ages will be 20-40 years of age. Twelve to fourteen volunteers will be needed. A sign up sheet was being circulated and feel free to volunteer as this will be a great event for challenged individuals to be able to fish that may otherwise not be able to.

The upcoming fish fry scheduled for November 7th from 12-3PM was also reviewed. There will be an items request list posted shortly and Mike Griffin has agreed to be the Fry-Meister again this year. The only request the Events Team made was that any fish donations to be cooked by Mike must be filets in good shape with no freezer burn. Members can feel free to bring sides, appetizers and desert.

Next, there was a brief discussion of "fish stories" where members get to tell stories about their recent exploits, both fishing and other. A few members mentioned they have not caught any snapper and fishing lately has been just ok.

Next, the door prize winner was selected and John Mally won a nice soft tackle bag after club president Mike 1 declined the prize due to his small kayak.

The 50:50 Drawing ($160/80) was won by member Steve Heins, however Steve donated the money back to the club.

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The planned speaker for the November will be Capt. Tim Disano of Tideline Charters.

Mike 1 adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

Submitted: Fred Pearson, (Acting) STFC Club Secretary