



American Welding Society®

TIDEWATER SECTION

District 4

Hampton, Va. 23670

<http://awssection.org/tidewater>

Friday, September 4, 2026

**Join us for the Annual Larry O'Bryan AWS Golf
Tournament!**

Sleepy Hole Golf Course

4700 Sleepy Hole Road, Suffolk VA 23435

Check-In 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Shotgun start at 8:00 AM

**Please see the Chairman's Corner and
Registration Form for additional information.**

***CWIs are responsible to keep track of their Personal Development Hours (PDH).
A form for tracking PDHs is available at the sign-in table and can be used to track
PDHs at Tidewater Section meetings and other technical society meetings.
The Tidewater Section does not keep attendance records and cannot verify that an
individual attended a specific meeting.

Chairman's Corner

Greetings Welding Community,

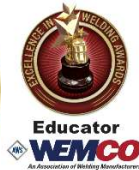
I hope you all are enjoying your summer so far!! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Pierrette Swan and I will be the AWS Tidewater Section Chairman for this upcoming year. I am currently a welding instructor at New Horizons in Newport News and have been a part of the welding community for over 15 years. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns as we move forward.

This year we will be kicking off our return with our **Annual Larry O'Bryan AWS Golf Tournament**. This will be held on September 4th at Sleepy Hole Golf Course in Suffolk, VA. I hope this is a great opportunity to kick off your Labor Day weekend celebrations! We look forward to seeing everyone there and having fun with our supporters and community. Attached with this bulletin is the registration form and sponsorship information.

Additionally, the AWS Tidewater section will be transitioning to a majority of communication coming directly through AWS headquarters to ensure that all members in our section are receiving important updates. We will also be sending things out through our existing contact list, but if you would like to be added or removed from our contacts, please make sure to reach out to Kyle Kenreigh or myself to let us know, and make sure you all have your AWS Memberships up to date!

This year we have some exciting things in the works, so make sure you are on the lookout for our October and November Bulletins. Also, if you or your company would like to present at one of our monthly meetings please let us know! I look forward to working with you all this year.

Sincerely,
Pierrette Swan
Tidewater Section Chairman



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<http://awssection.org/tidewater> Link to AWS Tidewater page

<https://www.aws.org/foundation/page/scholarships> Link to AWS Scholarship info

<https://youtu.be/a24xBshitQc> Link to March 2023, Women in Welding Related Careers meeting

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