

THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

WIRELINE

AUGUST 2022



What's Inside

Guest Speaker: Aaron Maurer, King Mackerel, Savage 3 Bait & Tackle

Fishing Tips: Kite fishing for Inshore Species, Wayne Seymour & Jay Whitfield, Princess Anne Distributing Co.

Fishing Reports;

- James River: Puppy Drum
- Lynnhaven River: Flounder
- Little Creek Inlet: Speckled Trout, Spot
- Offshore: Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass
- Inshore Wrecks: Triggerfish, Spadefish, Sea Bass, Flounder, Tautog
- Chesapeake Bay: Spanish Mackerel, Bluefish, Flounder, Red Drum, Spadefish

Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Congratulations to the Norfolk Anglers Club for taking top honors in the Hunt for the Hard Heads club challenge. It was a great day fishing and all the proceeds went to the Wish-A-Fish Foundation.

Many THANKS for supporting the Military Appreciation Day event. I greatly appreciate the club stepping up and supporting our active duty military personnel with a day out on the water. Everyone had a fantastic time and lots of fish were caught.

Mark your calendars for the Fall Social on Saturday October 15th. Until then, look after each other and go fishing!

- Will



On The Cover: The cover photo was taken at the July 21st National Park Service Back Bay Wildlife Refuge Kid's Surf Fishing Clinic sponsored by Virginia Beach Anglers Club, Tidewater Anglers Club and the Norfolk Anglers Club. In the picture is Caleb a 6 year old Virginia Beach resident who cranked in around 24 Spot and a few Croaker during the event. Well Done Caleb!



Meeting

Guest Speaker: King Mackerel fishing with Aaron Maurer, with Savage 3 Bait & Tackle, Chester, Virginia.

Early fall is a prime time to target King Mackerel off Virginia Beach. Along with owning and operating Savage 3 Bait & Tackle in Chester, Aaron also participates in King Mackerel tournament fishing off our coast. He'll be sharing his tips and techniques fishing on fall fishing for King Mackerel.

Important:
August 15th
NAC Meeting at Boil Bay
Seafood City, Norfolk, VA

Publishers NOTES

Editor:

Wendy Bransom

NorfolkAnglersClubEditor@gmail.com

NAC OFFICERS

President:

Will Bransom

Vice President:

Henry Troutner

Treasurer:

Ned Smith

Awards Program:

Ike Eisenhower

Events Coordinator:

Mike Hubert

Assistant Events Coordinator:

Alex "AJ" Perez, Jr

Membership:

Ben Capps

Member at Large:

Alex Perez, Sr.

Webmaster:

Pat Hirsch

pfhirsch@yahoo.com

Contact us at;

NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com

Norfolk Anglers Club

P.O. Box 8422

Norfolk, Virginia 23503-0422



Club Calendar

August

- Thurs, Aug 4th: 8:30am-12:00pm, USFWS Kids
Surf Fishing Class, Back Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Tues, Aug 9th: East Ocean View Children's Head Boat
Fishing Trip and Cookout
- Mon, Aug 15th: Regular Club Meeting, Boil Bay
Seafood City, Norfolk
- Thurs, Aug 18th: 8:30am-12:00pm, USFWS Kids
Surf Fishing Class, Back Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Tues, Aug 23rd: Virginia Marine Resources
Commission Meeting, Fort Monroe



Earlier this year, we told you about the RecFish app being developed by Dr. Lisa Kellogg and colleagues at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Its goal is to encourage recreational anglers to collect and contribute catch data to help improve fisheries science. Once it's fully developed, the user-friendly, free app will also tell anglers the species and length of their catch and whether it is legal to keep and safe to eat.

Dr. Kellogg says that, with the help of photos you submitted, the computer model can now identify 60 fish species with 95% accuracy and another 20 species are in the works. That represents thousands of submitted pictures!

You can help by going to www.recfish.org and uploading your fish photos. RecFish especially needs photos of:

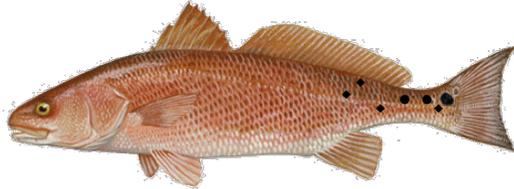
- Kingfish (a.k.a. Roundheads, Kingcroaker, Whiting, Sea Mullet)
- Flounder and other flatfish

Phase 2 of app development is almost complete, and, when it is, you will be able to use the app to upload your fish photos directly from your phone. Until then, keep those pictures coming at www.recfish.org!



Photo: Joy Baber

Club Members Tournament for 2022



Redfish "Spots" Tournament

Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022
- Must have the Norfolk Anglers Club decal in the photo with the fish on a measuring device* showing the total length of the fish. See NAC Prize Fish Contest Rules for measuring info. *Entries received with decal and no measurement can only be judged by number of spots.
- Red Drum/Redfish up to 26 inches in length only and caught in Virginia and North Carolina waters
- Awards determined by 1st: number of Spots (on one side), 2nd: Largest Fish up to 26 inches, 3rd: Date of Catch
- Entries submitted on the Club Prize Fish Entry Form with photo (can be sent electronically to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)
- No entry fee except the cost of the decal (\$1)
- \$50.00 Gift Card to the 1st Place Angler, \$25.00 Gift Card for the 2nd Place Angler.



Oyster Toadfish Tournament

Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022
- Awards determined by 1.Total Weight, 2. Date of catch, 3. Date of entry submission
- Additional Award for Best Oyster Toad Photo
- Entries submitted by email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com in the form of a Fishing Report; who was fishing, stating total weight, with photo of the fish on the scale
- Weighing need not be on a certified scale and may be done by the angler, just try an avoid weighing fish on a pitching boat
- No entry fee (we would never charge a fee for catching Toads)
- Winners will be determined by our Tournament Director

"AJ" Perez, the Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (OTTD)



Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries
January 1, 2022 - July 31, 2022

Freshwater		Saltwater	
Species	Name (#Entries)	Species	Name (#Entries)
Crappie	James Eisenhower (5)	Shark	Kelly Hoggard (2)
	Russell Willoughby (6)		
Chain Pickerel	Russell Willoughby (1)	Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard (1)
Blue Catfish	Mary Troutner (1) George Langdon (1)	Speckled Trout	James Eisenhower (8)
			Ned Smith (1)
			Bert Sainz (1)
Louis Glaser (1)			
		Cobia	Alex Perez, Sr (2)
		Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard (1)
		Blueline Tilefish	Jere Humphrey (1)

****Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Saltwater) or Department of Wildlife Resources (Freshwater) Citation paperwork or the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish entry form must be submitted to James "Ike" Eisenhower via email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com

For the 2022 Tournaments, ALL entries need to be submitted to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com

Documentation from Virginia or North Carolina Fisheries or Wildlife agencies, as well as, the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish paperwork is acceptable.



Speckled Trout
Club Members Tournament
May 1st - November 30th



- This is a Norfolk Anglers Club Members tournament running from May 1st until November 30th
- Targeted Species is Speckled Trout (any length)
- \$5 Entry Fee due before fishing
- For fish caught in Virginia and/or North Carolina waters only
- This is a Total Length Tournament Only
- Winner determined by; 1. Total Length of fish, 2. Date of Catch, 3. Date of entry submission
- 1st Place \$100 Gift Card and 2nd Place \$50 Gift Card
- All fishing must be in accordance with State fishing regulations for recreational anglers
- Entries must be submitted via the Norfolk Anglers Prize Fish Entry Form (Available at www.NorfolkAnglersClub.com) and submitted by email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com

Congratulations to the Norfolk Anglers Club for winning the Annual Hunt for the Hardheads Club Tournament! We had five boats entered and 13 anglers fishing. This is an annual tournament among the southside anglers clubs and historically was only for bluefish, flounder, and croaker. However, this year the clubs agreed to open it up for additional species. We want to thank our host Willoughby Harbor Marina for allowing us to coordinate our fishing and cookout at their Marina. Well Done to all the anglers and thanks to Henry, Mary, and Ike for volunteering to work the shore side of the event.

2022 Club Challenge (Hunt for the Hardheads)
July 23, 2022 - Willoughby Harbor Marina

Fishing Team

Mike Hubert - 22' Glacier Bay

- Doug Schroeder
- Ned Smith

Chris Webb - 26' Sea Cat

- Nancy Little
- Lasalle Webb

Jere Humphrey - 20' Mako

- Jennifer Humphrey
- Taz Humphrey

Louis Glaser - 19' Carolina Skiff

- Hai Edison

BJ Karwatt - 21' Sea Pro

- Michael "Hutch" Hutcheson

Cookout Crew

- Henry Troutner
- Mary Troutner

Official Measurer

- Dr James Eisenhower

Species	Croaker						
Club	Angler	Time	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Fish 4	Fish 5
GBFA	Denny Dobbins (1st & 2nd)	1251	9.00	9.00			
VBAC	Ron Ramos (3rd & 5th)	1255	9.00	8.25	7.75	7.00	7.00
VBAC	Patty Searby (4th)	1300	9.00				
GBFA	Lee Badley	1320	7.75				
Species	Spot						
Club	Angler	Time	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Fish 4	Fish 5
NAC	Louis Glaser (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th)	1230	8.50	8.25	8.50	8.50	8.50
GBFA	Debby Dobbins	1251	7.50	7.50			
VBAC	Patty Searby	1300	7.75	7.75			
Species	Triggerfish						
Club	Angler	Time	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Fish 4	Fish 5
NAC	Jere Humphrey (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th)	1243	17.25	15.25	16.00	15.00	12.75
Species	Summer Flounder						
Club	Angler	Time	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Fish 4	Fish 5
GBFA	Brian Kim	1250	16.00				
VBAC	Patty Searby (2nd, 3rd, 4th)	1300	19.29	18.00	18.50		
NAC	Doug Schroeder (1st)	1305	23.00				
NAC	Ned Smith (5th)	1306	16.25				
Species	Tautog						
Club	Angler	Time	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Fish 4	Fish 5
NAC	Jere Humphrey (1st)	1243	16.25				
Species	Bluefish*						
Club	Angler	Time	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Fish 4	Fish 5
GBFA	Brian Kim (4th)	1250	14.25				
GBFA	Denny Dobbins	1251	11.75	13.50	13.00	11.50	
VBAC	Ron Ramos	1255	13.00	11.75			
NAC	Ned Smith (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th)	1305	14.75	14.75	15.25	13.75	13.50
NAC	Doug Schroeder	1306	13.75	13.25	13.25	12.75	
Species	Spanish Mackerel						
Club	Angler	Time	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Fish 4	Fish 5
GBFA	Denny Dobbins (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th)	1251	17.25	17.50	16.50	16.75	16.50
VBAC	Ron Ramos (2nd)	1255	17.50				
Species	Sheepshead						
Club	Angler	Time	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Fish 4	Fish 5
No Entries							
Species	Spadefish						
Club	Angler	Time	Fish 1	Fish 2	Fish 3	Fish 4	Fish 5
No Entries							

* Bluefish entries may represent the possession limit for the entire vessel, not individual angler submitting entries.



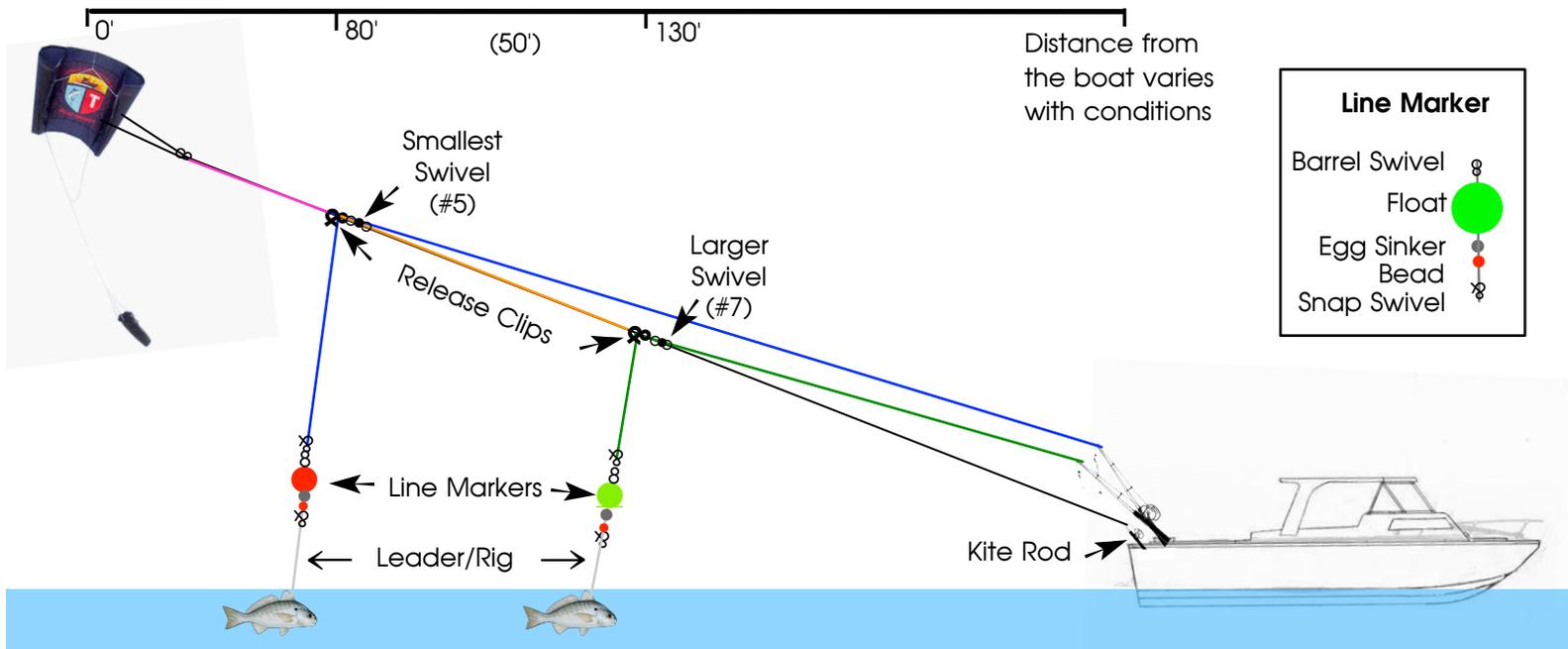
Kite Fishing for Inshore Species

Wayne Seymour and Jay Whitfield, Princess Anne Distributing Co.

Most anglers think of kite fishing as something suited for the offshore fishing fleet, however, Wayne Seymour and Jay Whitfield with PA Distributing effectively target many inshore species with kites. Unlike the traditional offshore anglers using kites with artificial bait (squid) to lure a tuna strike, they prefer to deploy live bait to target cobia, red drum, king mackerel, and many others.

The kite they recommend is the Boston Big Game Fishing Club Kite. The Boston Kite is easy to use and comes rigged and ready to fly. It stows compact in its own bag, which doubles as the kite's tail when flown (image right). In addition to the kite and angler will need a kite rod and a release clip kit.

Kite rods are a very short and stiff rod blank, they can either be made from a damaged rod and cut down with a guide tip installed or a manufactured kite rod. The reel is spooled with 80# braided line in three sections for a two release clip rig. Each section has a differing color and is separated by a barrel swivel. The different colors aid in identifying each of the sections. As Wayne explained the swivels aren't ordinary swivels but sized to the release clips used. The release clips have different size holes and are designed to slide towards the kite until it stops against the swivel. The swivel closest to the kite is the smallest swivel and that release clip has the smaller holes. Jay discussed the addition of Line Markers placed between the line and the leader/rig. Line markers provide a visual reference of where your bait is and how deep. Wayne and Jay both recommend keeping your live bait shallow and to feed line out or in through the release clip to keep the bait positioned. Line markers will also indicate your bait position and if it has been hit, as it's pulled down toward the water before the release clip opens. Jay recommends using different colors to help identify each of the fishing lines.



Norfolk Anglers Club

www.norfolkanglersclub.com

Fishing Tips...

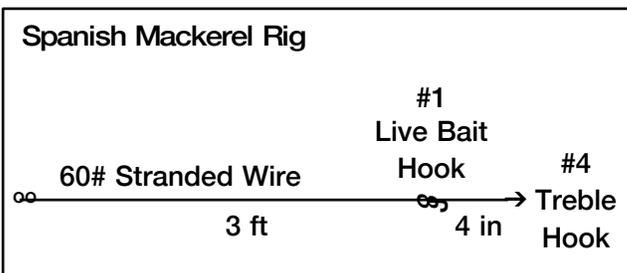
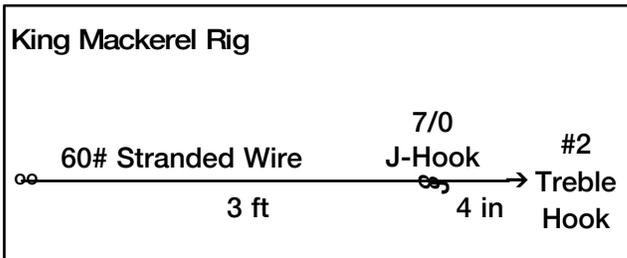
Kite Rod Setup

Wayne recommends against using a standard size fishing rod as a kite rod. Standard fishing rods are too long to manage the release clips, especially after it's in a "trident" rod holder. The Trident rod holder is a 3-rod holder most commonly used for kite fishing. It allows the angler to place the kite rod in the center and two fishing rods on either side. The short rod length of the kite rod allows you to handle the release clips without taking the rod out of the rod holder. He also recommends using a reel lanyard to secure the kite rod and rod holder to the boat. He added that sometimes the kite can pull hard and fly high and there's a risk of losing your rod over the side.



The reel he uses is a Penn 4/0 although any conventional reel will work. If you try using a level-wind style reel it's very important to check if the largest swivels will fit through the level-wind guide. Selecting a reel with a star drag over a lever drag is preferred. The star drag is easier to release tension from the kite than a lever drag reel.

Wayne also adds a loop of line tied near the rod tip to hold the release clips. He added that it keeps them at the rod tip until you need them as you deploy the kite. He'll let the first section of line out as the kite flies and as he sees the next color with the swivel come off the reel he'll stop and rig the first release clip, then repeat the process to the next swivel. The kite reel is spooled with 80# braided line with alternating colors to identify each section between the clips.



Bait and Rigs

The first choice of bait is live menhaden. Wayne shared they can be hard to keep alive if you don't have a live well with good circulation. His second choice is bluefish and third is thread fin herring (difficult to obtain). These are ideal for live bait fishing for king mackerel, red drum, etc. For live baiting cobia he'll use spot or croaker on a 8/0 circle hook instead of the J-Hook, tie with monofilament, and omit the trailing treble hook.

Rigs are tied with 60# stranded wire and use a figure 8 knot to secure the hooks and swivel. Starting with a piece of stranded wire about 40 inches in length tie your treble hook and then position and secure your inline hook. Finish the rig with a swivel on the opposite end. Wayne recommends using the figure 8 knot over single strand wire or crimps. Single strand wire can kink and anywhere there's kink the wire will likely break. Crimping

connections takes more time, additional material, and creates a risk of crimping too tight or loose. An improper crimp can easily fail. Using the figure 8 knots is the easiest and secure way to tie your rig and permits you to tie your rig to perfectly fit an individual bait.

To rig your live bait, insert the hook just forward of the bait fish's dorsal fin. Place the hook shallow but deep enough to keep the fish hooked up. You want to keep the bait alive and swimming naturally for as long as possible. The second treble hook isn't placed in the fish but trails behind. Wayne shared that putting too many hooks in the bait fish isn't good and really isn't needed. Often when a king mackerel strikes at the bait it will snag itself on the trailing treble hook. Keeping the treble free allows the bait to swim naturally. With small hooks there's always a potential of snagging the fish, remember to use a light drag setting on your fishing reels.



Norfolk Anglers Club

www.norfolkanglersclub.com

Fishing Tips...

Rods, Reels, and Deploying the Kite

As mentioned, special consideration is given for the kite rod/reel combination, however, for the fishing rod/reels, spinning reels and conventional reels work equally well. Wayne's choice for rod/reel combination is the Shimano Tekota 600 paired with a 6' 3" Shakespeare Ugly Stik (BWCJL220063). He'll spool the reels with 500 yards of 50-65# and will use different colors on each reel. The differing colors helps to identify which line is going to a release clip.

Once the kite is flying and he sees the next color come off the reel he'll use the star drag to stop the reel and attach the fishing line, line marker, and rigged bait to the release clip. Then he'll repeat the process until the next line color change and swivel and attach the second. Wayne uses a multi-color braided line from the swivel nearest the boat and to the reel. This allows him to see how many sections are out and determine how far back the kite is. In strong winds the Boston Kite will fly higher and Wayne recommends using its storage bag (the kite's tail) to add some water in a water bottle to adjust the kite height. Once the kite is flying at the preferred height above the water he'll adjust the fishing reels on each side of the Trident or triple rod holder to keep the bait near the surface.

Kite Fishing Tips and Techniques

- Live Bait requires a good live well, plenty of water circulation, and exchange
- A Triple Rod Holder rig keeps the kite & fishing rods together for easier management
- Vary line color between sections for easy identification
- Line Markers (different colors) indicate where your line/rig is
- Lanyard you kite rod and rod holder to the boat to prevent loss
- Use a loop of line on the kite rod to hold the release clips during deployment
- Use light drag settings on the fishing reels with clickers on



**623 Virginia Beach Blvd,
Virginia Beach, VA 23451
(757) 428-1000**

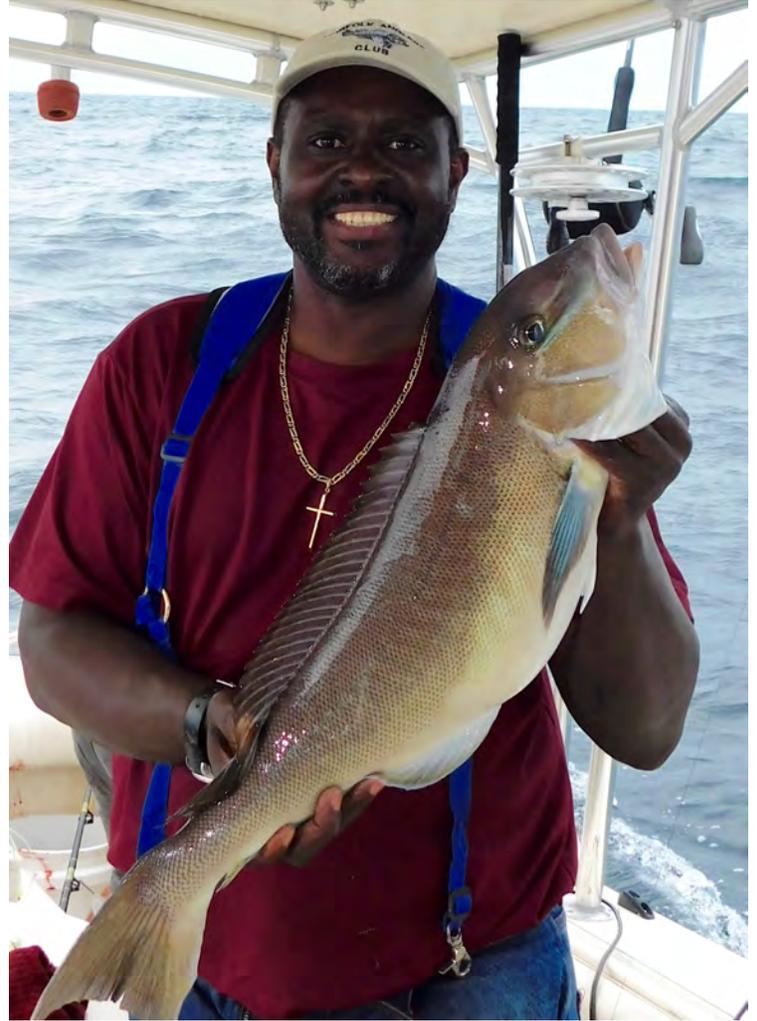
Serving VA Beach since 1958

Fishing Reports...

15 Jul: Headed to the Norfolk Canyon with Mike, Greg, Kim, Chris, and Jere. Ride out was GREAT!,...for 42nm, then not so much. Fishing conditions were tough and the crew did a fantastic job on the tilefish and sea bass.

Congratulations to Jere Humphrey for his plus 12 lb Blueline Tilefish Citation with the Virginia Saltwater Tournament!

- Will Bransom





24 JUL: I fished the bay with my son and my daughter.

We did catch and release some bluefish.

- Jackson B. Salvant Jr., M.D.



Chic's Beach Rental & Fishing
everything you need to enjoy the beach.....
..... & catch your dinner!!

Daily, Weekly & Monthly Beach Rentals
All Beach & House Accessories Provided
Beach Rental/Charter Fishing Packages

www.chicsbeachrentalandfishing.com
grif4408@verizon.net
 follow the fishing on facebook!

Capt. Mike Griffith
 USCG Licensed
 757-687-9093

23 Jul: Back Bay Wildlife Refuge Kid's Surf Fishing Event. Anglers from Norfolk Anglers Club, Virginia Beach Anglers Club, and Tidewater Anglers Club assisted the kid's surf fishing event. The weather was nice and the kids caught a lot of fish! The majority of the catch were small Spot, Croakers, and a few Roundhead.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this possible and the the Wildlife Refuge Staff for hosting the event.

- Will Bransom



Hours spent working up to holding the fish....then it wiggled, and back to square one. He worked two rods all morning, Caleb is quite a surf angler!



6 JUL: I went out solo in Back River and caught and released this 27-inch Red.

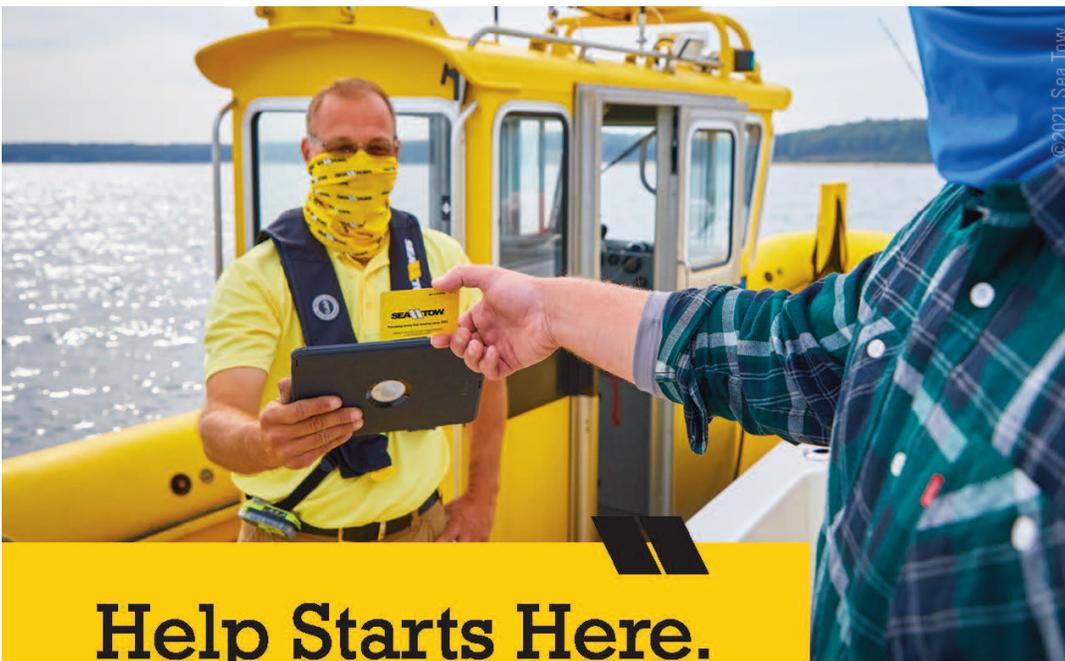
I caught it on a 1/4-ounce jig head with a 4-inch paddle tail in green with a chartreuse tail.

- Steve Anderson



7 JUL: 8 spots

- Jerry Hughes



©2021 Sea Tow.

28 JUL: Finished all my spots on the first island; no takers.

Only Oyster toads. Came inside the inlet and caught this big boy on my first drop.

- James Robinson

Help Starts Here.

One card, all kinds of help.

If you don't have this card, you don't have Sea Tow.

Your insurance policy does not include a Sea Tow® membership and all the added benefits that come with it.

Join today and SAVE \$20.

USE PROMO CODE: FCD.

FOR ANGLER CLUB MEMBERS ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2023.

Sea Tow Hampton Roads

757-496-1999 \ seatow.com





28 JUL: Finally, the wind settled down enough for Bert and me to go fishing along the CBBT. The water was choppy, with 2 to 3-foot waves, and the water temperature was 81. We started fishing the 1st and 2nd islands around 9:00 am. We stopped fishing at 1:00 pm, taking home six nice keepers, four were 18 to 21 inches. We also caught three throwbacks, a four-foot eel, a skate, and many toads.

29 JUL: The next day we went to the 3rd island to fish for flounder; winds were down, but still had some choppy seas. Fished from 8:15 am under 12:30 pm. We caught five keepers, the biggest was 22-inches and caught three throwbacks. The bait used both days was flounder strips, cobia belly, and live mullet. Bert and I were reminiscing about the days we would go out flounder fishing from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm several days a week. Those days are gone.
- Ned Smith



14 JUL: George Langdon and I went out to the M&M. The river was smooth as I have seen it in months.

We fished the bottom with crabs, shrimp, and minnows. We caught this puppy drum with the minnows.

- John Curry



30 JUL: First speckled trout in Little Creek on top water bait this summer.

Fished with James Ike Eisenhower and Hai Edison at 5:15 am. Ended up with six blues and one trout; all were caught on top water.

The depth was five feet; the water temperature was 82 degrees.

- Louis Glaser



11 JUL: Fished in the evening with my nephew Kevin Glaser, his son Austin Glaser and his two friends.

We ended up catching four Reds with one break-off. Largest 48 1/2 inches; all caught on bucktails.

- Louis Glaser

Virginia Printing & Signs

Division of JAMMAC Corporation



Brian A. Getz

Tel: (757) 855-5474 • Fax: (757) 855-5748

Email: virginiaprinting@aol.com

6610 E. Virginia Beach Boulevard • Norfolk, Virginia 23502

14 JUL: It was a beautiful day on the water. Mary and I headed out from Wallaces in the Shamrock to try a couple of hours of Spadefish fishing on the 3rd Island; then hit the Cabbage Patch for a mixed bag. While setting up at the 3rd I realized I had forgotten all my sinkers. I already had a couple of Spadefish rods rigged, so we put them out.

We had heard the Spadefish bite was only lasting for about an hour or so on a particular tide, but did not know when. After a couple of hours, we had picked up a couple of decent Spadefish and lost a couple, but the bite was slow. With no sinkers, I didn't want to fish the Cabbage Patch, so we moved to the 2nd island. Using a couple of heavy jigs that I broke the hooks off as sinkers, we managed to catch six or eight short Tautogs, two short Flounder, and the never-ending Toadfish. I tried those "New" Tog jigs, 3/4 oz with #2 hooks. I fed a lot of fiddlers to the Tautog, but wasn't able to hook one on a jig.



Henry and Mary Troutner



22 JUL: So, If Mary and I ever get our act together, John Curry might not only be the Striper King, but the Drum King. John wanted to try something different for our approach to puppy drum fishing. Mary and I were game; we headed out armed with our usual light tackle for Puppies and Speckled Trout. John had a heavier rod, but the front eye broke and he had to use a very light outfit he had along.

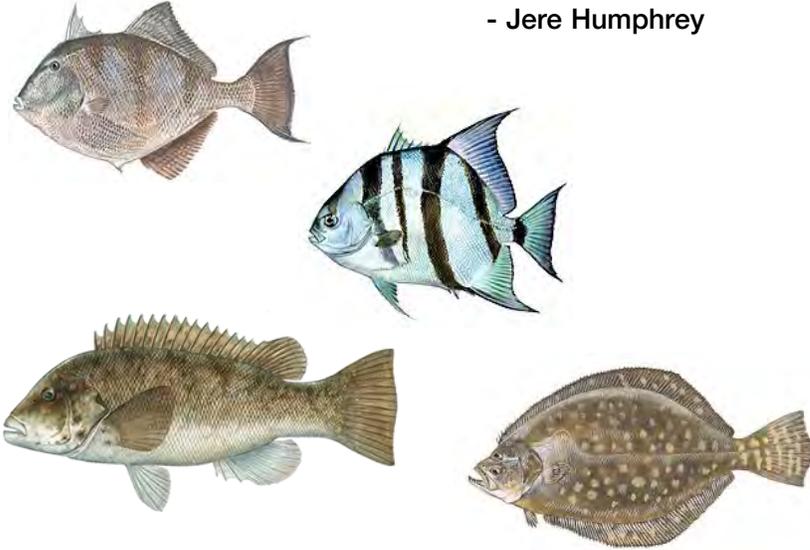
Mary's first drop hooked up was a small Sandbar Shark. I gave her my rod while I retied her rig. Almost immediately she and John were hooked up on fish screaming off line. Unfortunately, being unable to control the fish with the

light tackle, both got into the bridge and broke off. With everything re-rigged I hooked another screaming fish and with luck managed to land a 28-inch drum for a picture and release. Somewhere during the confusion with the drum fishing, Mary caught a Spot and I landed an 18-inch Speckled Trout. Oh, this was all on our first drift through the bridge.

On our 2nd drift, I caught a short Puppy and Mary hooked into what from the initial run appeared to be the biggest fish of the day. It peeled off the line and eventually broke off. When we brought in the broken line, the snap swivel had to straighten out. Minnows and header crabs on simple top and bottom rigs. In the future will be fishing with 30 lb. leaders instead of 10 lb.

30 JUN I left the dock at morning star marina at 0 dark thirty by myself. I went to the Anglo African (off Fisherman's Island) got anchored up and starting catching fish nonstop for 4 1/2 hours. Anglo African isn't a large wreck site, it seems scattered quite a bit but has lots of relief and all the relief holds fish! Packed up and came home with a total of 32 triggers. I also caught taugs and spades and a few flounder.

- Jere Humphrey



30 JUL: Headed out on Mike Hubert's Glacier Bay to support the Military Appreciation Day event. We trolled along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and hooked up a dozen bluefish and a hound fish. We fished around the island and picked up a nice 18 inch flounder, some small sea bass and an impressive toadfish. It was a really good to take a few active duty personnel out for a day of fishing. Thanks to our Captain Mike Hubert and the guys for their service.

- Henry Troutner



8 JUL: We left Lynnhaven inlet at 7:00 am and decided to start trolling right away since the NE wind and bumpy seas made a higher traveling speed tricky. The weather was a little "different" than forecasted so we made do with what we had.

We trolled out to the third island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge - Tunnel (CBBT), finding one Spanish Mackerel, and returned to the second island looking for water warmer than 73 degrees surface temperature.

On the second island, we found 76-degree water and caught five more Spanish Mackerel. All were caught on a pink flash #00 Clark Spoon with a one-ounce inline sinker.

We also checked the third island and a couple of bridge pilings for Spadefish but could not find any on this day.

Alex Perez Sr.

Killian with one of his Spanish Mackerel.



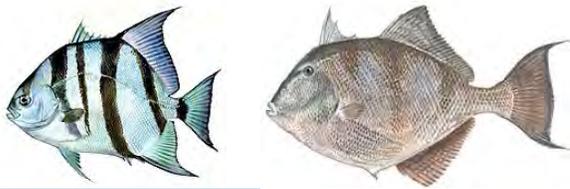
30 JUL: Military Appreciation Day - Tidewater Event at Cobb's Marina. I was honored to have Will Howard, Fred Schmitt, Earl Delapena, and Marty Birch aboard for what turned out as a fantastic day of fishing. Cobb's Marina hosted the MAD-Tidewater event and we departed from there at 07:15am.

Exiting Little Creek inlet we were met with choppy seas from a combination of the previous night's severe storms, tidal flow and wind. We slugged our way to the CBBT 3rd Island at first and then decided to fish the Anglo-African wreck site off Fisherman's Island.

The conditions were nearly flat calm at the site. Anchoring up on this shallow wreck (30ft) the fish were all over the bait. I was glad to have Jere Humphrey with me, as he's considered to be quite the expert at fishing Tautaug/Sheepshead/Triggerfish and that was our target for the day. Will, Fred, Earl, and Marty were also very experienced anglers and soon they were hauling in the fish. We boated lots of grey triggerfish, atlantic spadefish, black sea bass, tautog, and summer flounder. All the triggers and spadefish went in the box and everything else undersized was tagged and released.

We couldn't ask for a better group and greatly appreciate their service to our nation and their families sacrifices as well!
- Will Bransom





VIRGINIA SALTWATER Fisherman's Journal



www.vasaltwaterjournal.com

Get Hooked!

Report at

www.vasaltwaterjournal.com

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission wants to know about the saltwater fish you caught and if you threw it back or took it home for dinner. How big was it? What species was it? Where did you catch it? This self-reported catch-and-release information will be posted on-line, giving the recreational angler a broader picture of what everyone else is catching -- and where.

The Fisherman's Journal is a tool intended to benefit the individual angler, the fishing community, and fishery managers. It allows individual anglers to keep an easy-to-retrieve record of their successful fishing

experiences. It allows the fishing community to share and learn about other anglers' experiences. Finally, it benefits fishery managers by allowing them to assess fish populations by analyzing data provided by you, the recreational fisherman.

Individual measurement of caught, and released, on the most highly prized fish, such as red drum, striped bass, and summer flounder, provides a greater benefit to everyone. This past year, data from volunteer angler surveys were an important component in the calculation to reduce size limits for summer flounder in Virginia. However, Virginia data from Virginia anglers have not yet reached the level needed to stand alone. If the ability to reduce the size limit occurs in the future, the catch-and-release information on undersized summer flounder would be of great benefit.

Anglers also may report their fishing trip information, including general location, time of day, weather and water conditions, and type of gear and bait used. This information could be extremely valuable to other anglers to give them an idea of what is caught, where it is caught, and what bait is working on what species.

This self-reporting program will help anglers to become more successful and will provide fishery managers with important anecdotal information on recreational catches. The voluntary on-line reporting system is called the "Saltwater Fisherman's Journal" and is found at www.vasaltwaterjournal.com.

Angler Interests

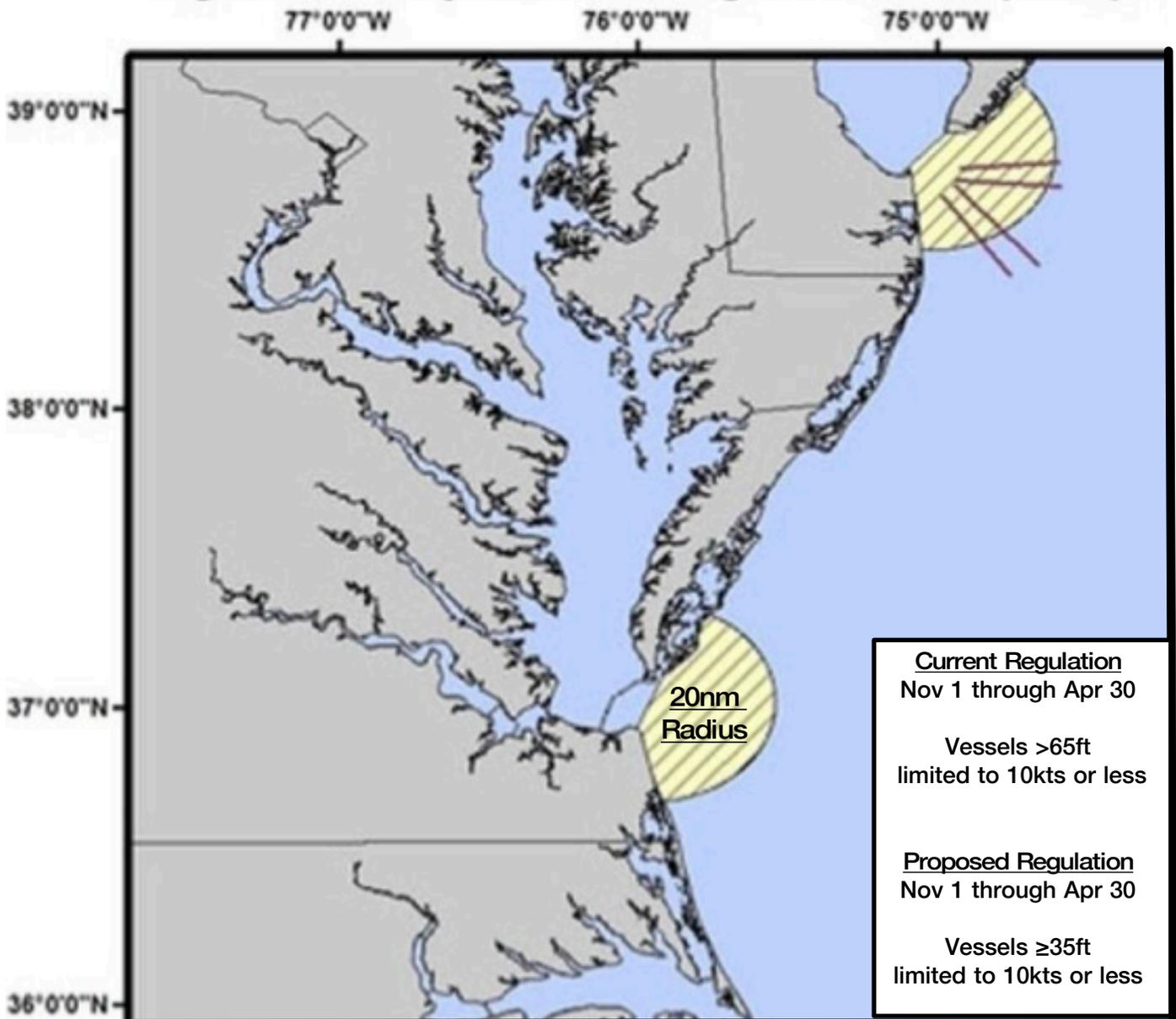
Proposed Modifications to Right Whale Speed Rule



**NOAA
FISHERIES**

29 July 2022: NOAA Fisheries announced proposed changes to the North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*) vessel speed rule to further reduce the likelihood of mortalities and serious injuries to endangered right whales from vessel collisions. NOAA Fisheries is accepting public comment on the proposed rule until September 30, 2022. More information on the submission process can be found in the Federal Register notice.

You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2022-0022, by electronic submission. Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA-NMFS-2022-0022 in the Search box. Click the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields and enter or attach your comments. You may submit comments on supporting materials via the same electronic submission process, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2022-0022.



Angler Interests

Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Update



Dominion Energy initiated an unexploded ordnance (UXO) survey within the export cable corridor and CVOW lease area in July and is expected to continue through 2022. The vessels to be deployed and the areas to be surveyed are identified on the next page.

Mariners transiting or fishing in the survey area are requested to provide a 0.5nm wide clearance to survey vessels, which may have limited maneuverability due to towing gear up to 1,000' behind the vessel. Mariners should operate in a manner that will not endanger themselves, the survey vessels, its crew or the equipment.

All mariners are encouraged to contact Dominion Energy's Fisheries Liaisons below with any specific questions about the status of the projects in relation to fisheries.

Contact Fisheries Liaisons

Sea Risk Solutions, LLC

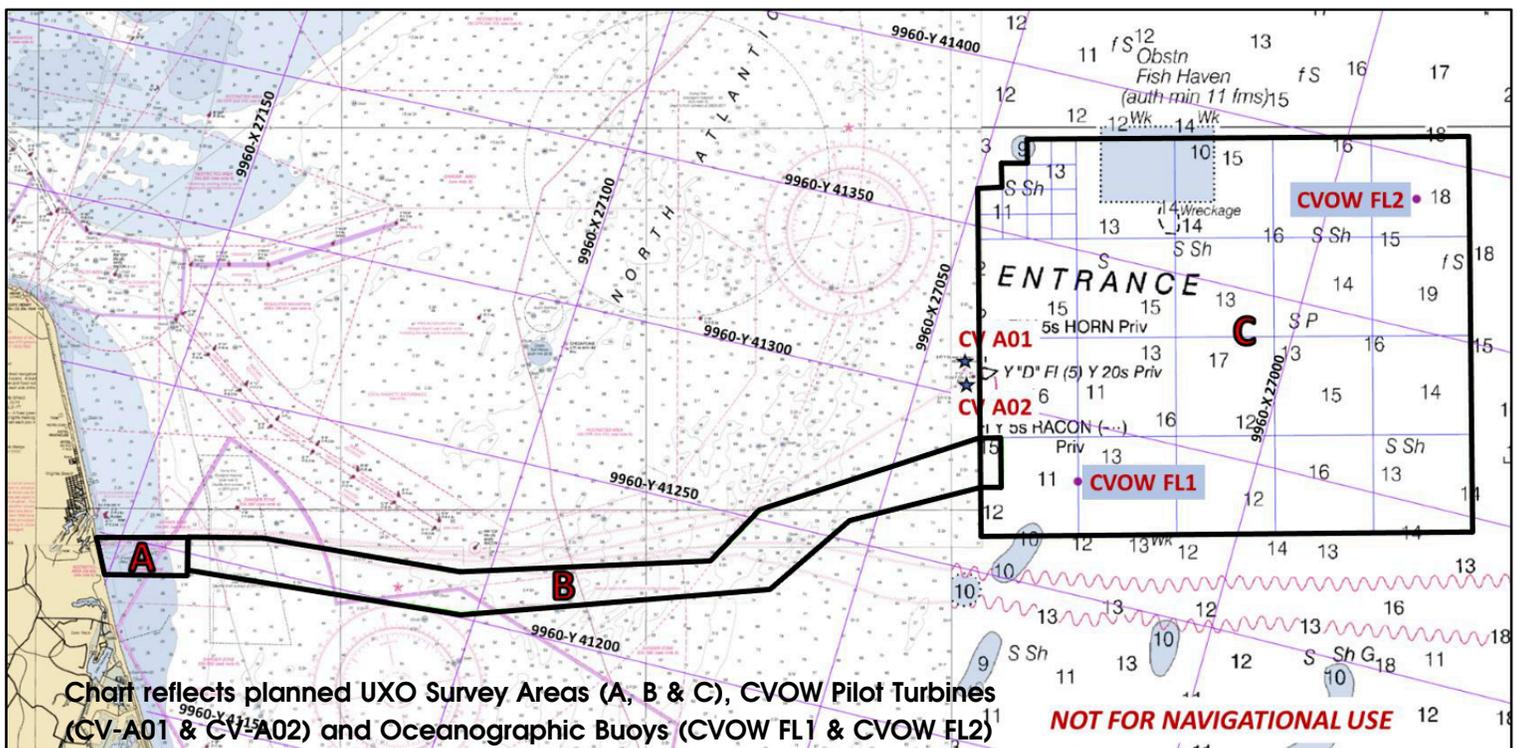
Ron Larsen (Fisheries Liaison Officer)
(570) 242-5023, ronlarsen@searisksolutions.com

Wolfgang Rain (Fisheries Liaison Officer)
(206) 427-6553, wrain@searisksolutions.com

Dominion Energy

Jerry Barnes (Manager, Marine Affairs)
jerry.r.barnes@dominionenergy.com

Scott Lawton (Environmental)
scott.lawton@dominionenergy.com



Angler Interests

Henry Hudson

Daylight only operations in Zone A beginning 20 AUG-2022

Call Sign: WDG4894

Flag: USA

MMSI:367541190

LOA: 45 ft

IMO: -

Beam: 15 ft



Minerva Uno

24/7 operations in Zone B & Zone C beginning 30-JUL-2022

Call Sign: IZVM

Flag: Marshall Islands

MMSI: 247080700

LOA: 155 ft

IMO: 9262077

Beam: 30 ft



Shearwater

24/7 operations in Zone B & Zone C beginning 5-AUG-2022

Call Sign: WDF5838

Flag: USA

MMSI: 368528000

LOA: 110 ft

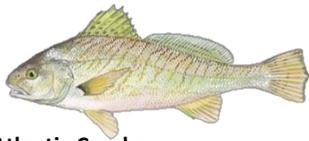
IMO: 8993966

Beam: 39 ft



Select Recreational Fishing Regulations

May 2022



Atlantic Croaker

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 50 per person; additional 50 live bait per customer capacity on for-hire or charter vessels



Spot

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 50 per person; additional 50 live bait per customer capacity on for-hire or charter vessels



Kingfish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit



Grey Trout (Weakfish)

- Minimum Size Limit: 12 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person



Bluefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person from shore or a rented or private vessel
5 per person on for-hire or charter vessels



Spanish Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15 per person



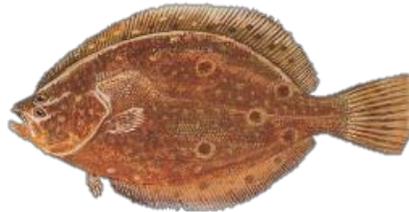
King Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 27 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person



Cobia (Permit Required)

- Minimum Size Limit: 40 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person or 2 per vessel, whichever is more restrictive. Only 1 fish per vessel may be greater than 50 inches total length.
- Season: June 15 - September 15



Summer Flounder

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Striped Bass

Any person fishing striped bass recreationally shall use non-offset, corrodible, non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing with bait.

Chesapeake Bay Spring Season

- Size Limit: 20-28 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: May 16 - June 15

Chesapeake Bay Fall Season

- Size limit: 20-36 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: October 4 - December 31

Coastal Season

- Size Limit: 28-36 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person
- Season: January 1 - March 31, May 16 - December 31

Select species provided for information purposes only. Not all regulated species are included. All regulations are subject to change. It is the angler's responsibility to know and abide by all current regulations and laws. Check for new regulations before you go fishing. www.mrc.virginia.gov



Spadefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Sheepshead

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Black Sea Bass

- Minimum Size Limit: 13
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15
- Season: May 15-December 11



Tautog

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person
- Season: January 1-May 15, July 1- Dec. 31



Speckled Trout

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 5 per person, only 1 greater than 24"



Red Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: 18 inches
- Maximum Size Limit: 26 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person



Black Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person