

A group of children are fishing from a boat on a body of water. In the foreground, a young boy with red hair is focused on reeling in a line. Behind him, another boy in a black Metallica t-shirt and black shorts with a blue stripe is also fishing. Further back, a girl with braided hair is visible. The boat has a metal railing, and several fishing rods are mounted on it. The background shows a calm body of water and a line of trees on the shore under a cloudy sky.

THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

WIRELINE

AUGUST 2026

What's Inside

Guest Speaker: Capt Andy Kim, *Sashimi Sportfishing*, Cobia Fishing

Fishing Reports;

- Chesapeake Bay/CBBT: Red Drum, Cobia, Croakers
- Offshore/Wind Turbines: Flounder, Triggerfish, Black Sea Bass, Almaco Jacks
- Eastern Shore: Triggerfish, Flounder, Tautog
- Inshore: Triggerfish, Moonfish, Black Sea Bass
- Chuckatuck Creek: Rockfish, Croaker
- James River: Black Drum
- Elizabeth River: Red Drum



Club Calendar

August

Mon, Aug 3rd; Children's Headboat Trip and Cookout
Thur, Aug 6th; NPS Children's Surf Fishing Clinic, Back Bay WR
Mon, Aug 17th; Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk
Thur, Aug 20th; NPS Children's Surf Fishing Clinic, Back Bay WR
Tue, Aug 25th; Virginia Marine Resources Commission
meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

September

Mon, Sept 21st; Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk
Tue, Sept 22nd; Virginia Marine Resources Commission
meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA
Sat Sept 26th: Club Member's Event - Fall Social

Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries 1 January - 31 July 2026

Freshwater		Saltwater	
Species	Name (#Entries)	Species	Name (#Entries)
Crappie	Russell Willoughby (2)	Speckled Trout	Stan Simmerman (2) Chris Harris (1)
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby (2) Mike Rheinhardt (10)	Red Drum	Chris Harris (2) Bill Seemueller (1)
Chain Pickerel	Mike Rheinhardt (1)	Rockfish	Henry Troutner (1)
White Perch	Andy Reid (1)	Sheepshead	Jere Humphrey (2)
Gar	Bill Seemueller (1)	Flounder	Mike Reinhart (1)

****Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Saltwater) or
Department of Wildlife Resources (Freshwater) Citation
paperwork, North Carolina Dept of Marine Fisheries
(NCDMF) Citation Program paperwork, or the Norfolk
Anglers Club Prize Fish entry form must be submitted to;
NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com

This Month!!!

Oceanview Community Center Children's Headboat Fishing Trip and Cookout August 3rd!



Children's Surf Fishing Clinic, Back Bay Wildlife Refuge August 6th and 20th





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Club Members Tournament for 2026

Redfish "Spots" Tournament

Rules

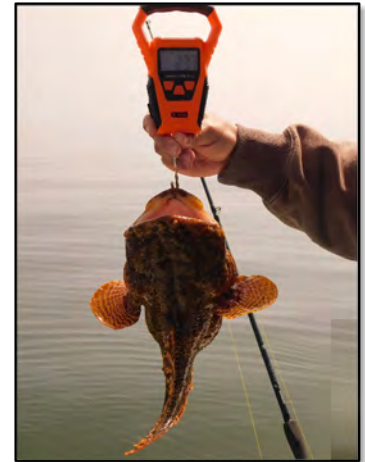
- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026
- Must have the Norfolk Anglers Club decal in the photo with the fish on a measuring device* showing the total length of the fish. See NAC Prize Fish Contest Rules for measuring info. *Entries received with decal and no measurement can only be judged by number of spots. Photo entries without a decal or measurement tape are not accepted.
- 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.

Entries:



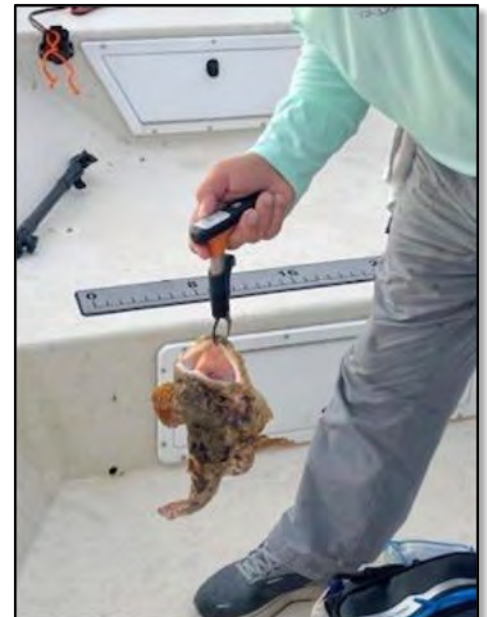
Oyster Toadfish Tournament Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026
- Awards determined by;
 1. Total Weight
 2. Date of catch
 3. Date of entry submission
- 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



Alex "AJ" Perez, Jr.
Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (TOTTD)

Entries: John Curry (1), Marty Schriebl (1)





Speckled Trout Club Members Tournament March - December 2026

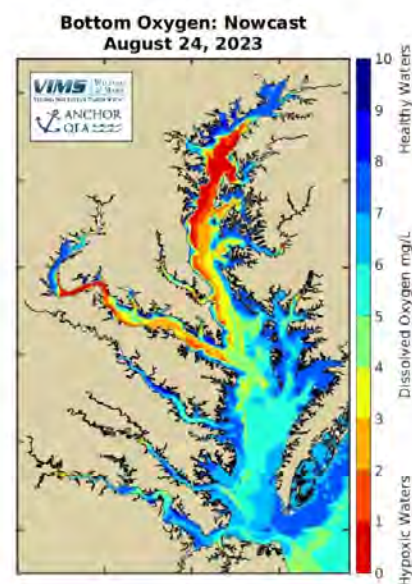
Revised Tournament Dates for 2026

- This is a Norfolk Anglers Club Members tournament running from March 1st until December 31st
- Targeted Species is Speckled Trout (any length)
- Total Length Tournament Only
- \$10 Entry Fee due *before* fishing
- For fish caught in Virginia and/or North Carolina waters only
- Winner determined by; 1. Total Length of fish, 2. Date of Catch, 3. Date of entry submission
- 1st Place \$50 Gift Card and 2nd Place \$25 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



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<https://www.vims.edu/cbefs/>

Fishing Reports

Jul 17: Jere Jay and Mike left Jay's house he lives on pretty lake at 6:30am heading to the wind farm. First wind turbine we stopped at we caught 13 triggers in 30 minutes then we just went down the line stopping at turbines that we saw fish on the bottom machine and caught flounder and sea bass. We had 7 nice flounder and all the sea bass you wanted to catch some 4 pounders. We also caught 4 Almaco Jack's another great day fishing at the wind farm.

- Jere Humphrey



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NEW HOURS

SUN: 6AM-6PM
MON: 8AM-8PM
TUE: 8AM-8PM
WED: 8AM-8PM
THU: 8AM-8PM
FRI: 6AM-8PM
SAT: 6AM-8PM

LIVE BAIT

- FIDDLERS ✓
- BLOODWORMS ✓
- BLUE CRABS ✓
- SHINERS (FRESHWATER MINNOWS) ✓
- GUDGEONS (SALTWATER MINNOWS) ✓
- EELS ✓
- NIGHTCRAWLERS ✓
- RED WIGGLERS ✓

FROZEN BAIT

- SQUID(TUBE, BOX)
- SHRIMP
- SAND FLEAS
- PEELER CRABS
- FINGER MULLET
- BLUE CRAB
- EEL
- SHAD

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Jul 7: With perfect weather, Mary & I took the Shamrock out to the Anglo African to check on the Trigger Fish. The wreck was covered with small Pinfish, although we did manage to catch 1 Trigger, 2 short Flounder and a short Tog. We eventually headed in stopping at Bluefish Rocks. There we caught a couple Croakers and about a dozen Toadfish. Bait: We had it all, Fiddlers, Squid, Clam, Minnows, Flounder belly. Flounder tagged, Trigger DNA submission.

- Henry Troutner



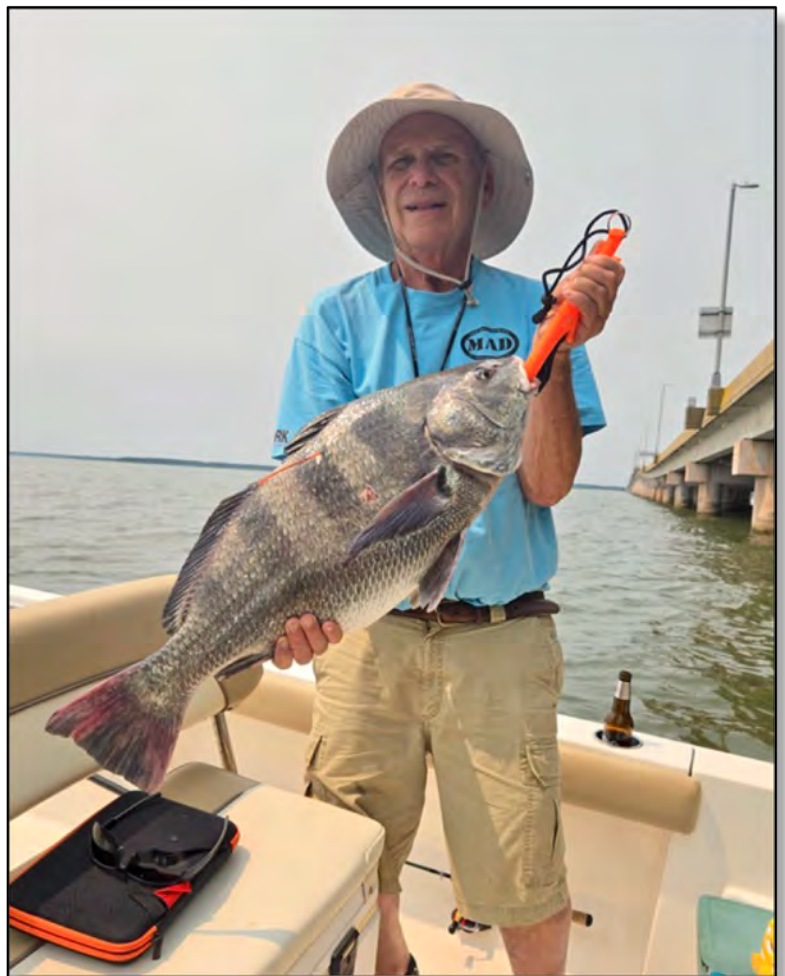
Jul 11: I ran out to the Tiger wreck but stopped short a quarter mile of it to put out two 00 size Clark Spoons on a flat line and the other on a #1 planer. I trolled up to the wreck and did two circles around it with the spoons following. I instantly hook up with what turned out to be a Moonfish. I released the Moon and did one more circle with no bites. I decided to switch over to anchoring on the wreck since surprisingly, I was the only boat on the wreck. Using a dropper loop rig with a 3/0 hook and frozen shrimp for bait, I caught three Triggerfish and three small Black Sea Bass. As other boats arrived to join me, the bite slowed down. The other boats around me targeting Flounder were steadily catching small sharks.

- Alex Perez



Jul 15: John Curry invited Mary & I to fish the Chuckatuck & James River. Fishing has been slow in our home waters and we were expecting it to pick up soon. We started at the mouth of the Chuckatuck checking for Reds or Specks. Lots of life in the area; Bait fish, fish jumping, Dolphins & Turtles. We cast paddle tails and live minnows and only caught a small Striper and a Croaker. We moved to the JRB to see if the Black Drum had arrived. We were into fish right away with Mary hooking up before I got my rod in the water but the leader broke after a couple minutes. We continued with a good bite hooking 6 or 7 Blacks but John landed the only one we put in the boat. Our tackle just wasn't up to this size fish in a strong current. When we return we will be better equipped. Bait was 1/2 a Blue Crabs on a #4 Circle hook, Need to move up to a #6.

- Henry Troutner



Aug 13: I fished the Elizabeth River from the mouth of the Lafayette River to the Lambert's Point Coal Piers. Using frozen shrimp or three inch Berkley Gulp shrimp, I caught three over slot sized Red Drum from 26 to 28 inches. These are the first reds I have caught in the river since December so they were a truly welcomed sight. The water temperature was 80 degrees and the three fish were tagged and released for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP).



Jul 26: back on my boat again Ric and I planned to fish for red drum in the morning and then Cobia once the sun got high. Within two minutes of getting to the CBBT 3rd island a big school of drum popped up and Ric boated a nice 50" fish. He caught two other reds in the mid 30 inch range from that school then we heard there were cobia were popping up near the 1st island. As soon as we arrived Oceanside of the 1st island Ric caught a 46" Cobia on a 2oz jig off a big school of menhaden. A little while later we found another bait pod and Ric pulled a 56" Cobia off that one. I had rubber hooks and pulled off two Cobia. Once we had our two keeper fish we wanted to go find some more drum. We went to the 2nd island but didn't see any for a while. When we were about to head in we located a small school and I caught a 50" red. While I was fighting the drum a shark took a bite out of it but we were able to get it in and tag it and it swam off strong.

- Chris Harris



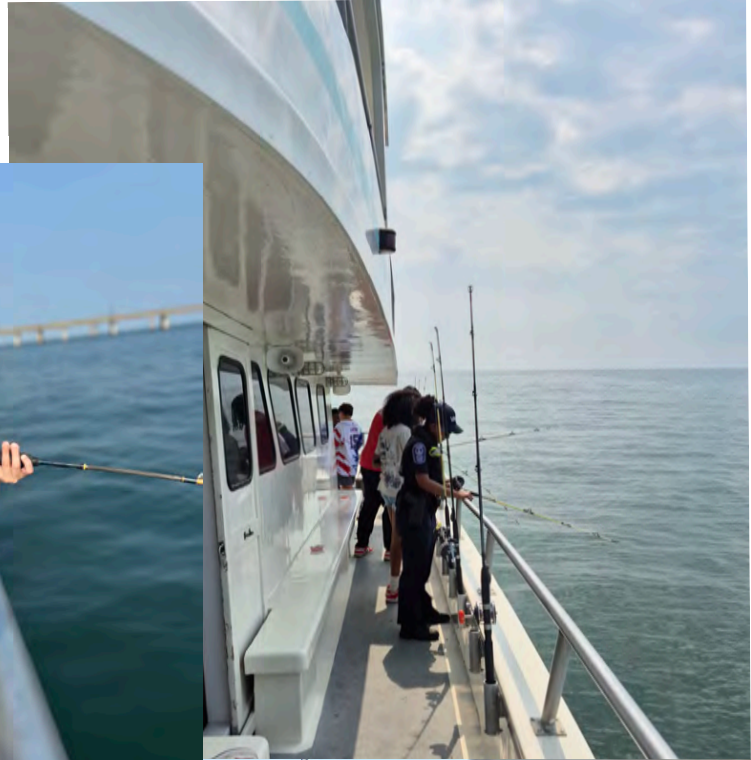
Jul 17: John Curry. Mary & I spent another couple hours on the James River targeting Black Drum. Wasn't long before Mary had a 33" in boat. I followed up with a 33.5" and then Mary landed a 35+. We also lost a couple; 1 broke Mary's line and I had 1 get wrapped around something on the bottom. All fish caught on a fish finder rig, 6/0 circle hook and 1/2 a Blue Crab for bait and were tagged & released.

- Henry Troutner



Jul 27: Underway at 8:00am from Dockside aboard the *Nancy Anne* with about 30 kids from Norfolk Parks and Recreation. Beautiful ride out to the first island. Rod's in says the Captain. As soon as the lines were in we started catching fish. Croaker was the main fish. I was helping one of the kids when I looked into the water and saw about a 5 ft hammerhead shark. He swam around the boat for about a minute. Must of the kids saw it. A few minutes later Marine Police Duckett hooked into I think was a cobia. Almost had it to the side of the boat and it broke off. Good day over all fishing for the kids.

- Mike Rheinhardt



July: I had the pleasure of fishing with Outdoor writer Ric Burnley three times in July. On July 1st we took my boat looking for Red Drum at the CBBT islands. Ric is writing a story on forward facing sonar and wanted to see how it worked to locate the drum. Within thirty minutes of searching we located a big school and doubled up on two big drum with one going 49". Throughout the day we found a bunch of schools and ended up catching and tagging 23 big drum with most of them in the 41-49" range. They wouldn't hit artificials so we had to throw live spot and croakers on a 9/0 J Hook. We also caught 3 Cobia that were mixed in with the drum. Best bite times were last two hours of the falling tide.

- Chris Harris



Jul 11: Jay invited me aboard his boat for a trip to wind turbines and what a day we had! Using his spot-lock made fishing around the rock edges at the base and the monopiles easy. We used double drop flounder jigs with bait strips and landed our limit of really nice flounders. The sea bass were hammering the rigs on the way down and we kept quite a few 3.5-4.5 lbs fish. We switched over to triggerfish rigs with small hooks baited with shrimp and brought home 13 nice fish. We also hit on the almaco jacks near the surface with silver bomber lures! It was great fun fishing with Jay!

- Jere Humphrey





Jul 12: I fished with Ric on his boat as we headed out to the Windmills looking for flounder. We caught over 30 flounder up to 21" jigging gulps tipped with various stripped bait on the bases of various windmills. We had the most success with strips of cobia belly. The bite was pretty consistent all day except during periods of slack tide.

- Chris Harris



Jul 10: This is one of those fishing reports that had every intention of providing an exciting play-by-play account of battling cobia off Cape Charles in early July. We had some relief from the blistering early July weather and with conditions looking great on the Eastern Shore Henry and I joined up with Alex and headed off to the shore.

We got underway early from the public ramp and with the sun low made sighting cobia a challenge. We knew when the sun was higher and clear of clouds we'd spot cobia and be able to maneuver to boat and cast on them. We spotted more than a dozen cobia and got casts on them but most weren't interested in the lures. We did have one hooked up but during the retrieve it tossed the hook. Plenty of rays, turtles, swimming crabs were seen. The cobia just didn't want to get tagged today. Most of the fish spotted were undersized. So, the only photo to share is the dock shot of the three Amigos on our return. Sometimes fishing just works out that way!

- Will Bransom



Jul 29: Fishing has been very slow on the Chuckatuck so, Mary & I took the skiff out to see if the bite was any better on the Nansemond River. There is a point just up stream from the Rt. 17 bridge what usually holds Specks and the grassy banks of Willis Island have produced some nice Reds. We fished both and only caught 2 Croakers and a Ribbonfish. The Ribbonfish hit my jig just hanging 3" over the side while I was adjusting the trolling motor. This is the 2nd Ribbonfish we caught this year on rivers off the James.

- Henry Troutner

Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind

- The USCG has created a GIS-based Local Notice to Mariners product that is useful in visualizing project activities (Select Marine Construction Layer)- [Maritime Safety Information Products | Navigation Center](#)
- USCG Notice: Introducing the New [NAVCEN Maritime Safety Information Application](#)
- Previous issues of the CVOW Mariner's Update and additional resources can be found [here](#).

Project Background Information

Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia (Dominion Energy) is constructing and will operate the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project (Project or CVOW). The Project is located in the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Offshore Virginia - Lease No. OCS-A 0483 (Lease Area), with buried subsea cables connecting CVOW to shore (**Figure 1**). The purpose of this Project is to provide 2.6 gigawatts of clean, reliable offshore wind energy to our customers while providing substantial economic and environmental benefits to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

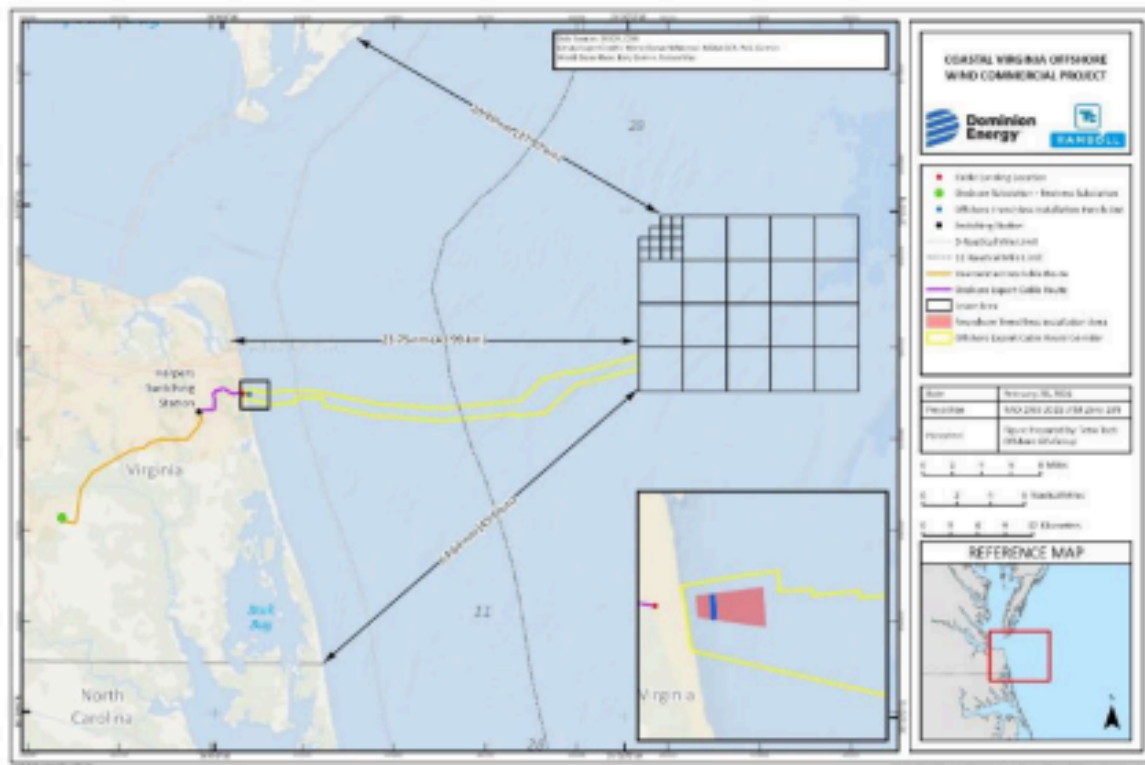


Figure 1: Boundaries of CVOW project

The offshore project components are located in federal waters in the Lease Area (**Figure 2**). Portions of the OECs are also located in Commonwealth of Virginia waters (within three miles of shore).

Offshore components of the Project will consist of the following:

- One hundred seventy-six (176) Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs), each with a capacity of 14.7 megawatts, and associated monopile (MP) foundations;
- Three (3) Offshore Substations (OSS);
- Approximately 231 miles (372 kilometers) of total length of Inter-Array Cables (IACs) in the CVOW Lease Area; average IAC length of 5,868 feet (1,789 meters) between WTGs and connected to OSSs; and
- Nine (9) buried submarine high-voltage alternating-current Offshore Export Cables (OECs), approximately 350 miles (563 kilometers) of total length, connecting the OSSs to shore at the State Military Reservation in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

CVOW GIS Shapefiles of the project area and export cable corridor are available [here](#) for download.

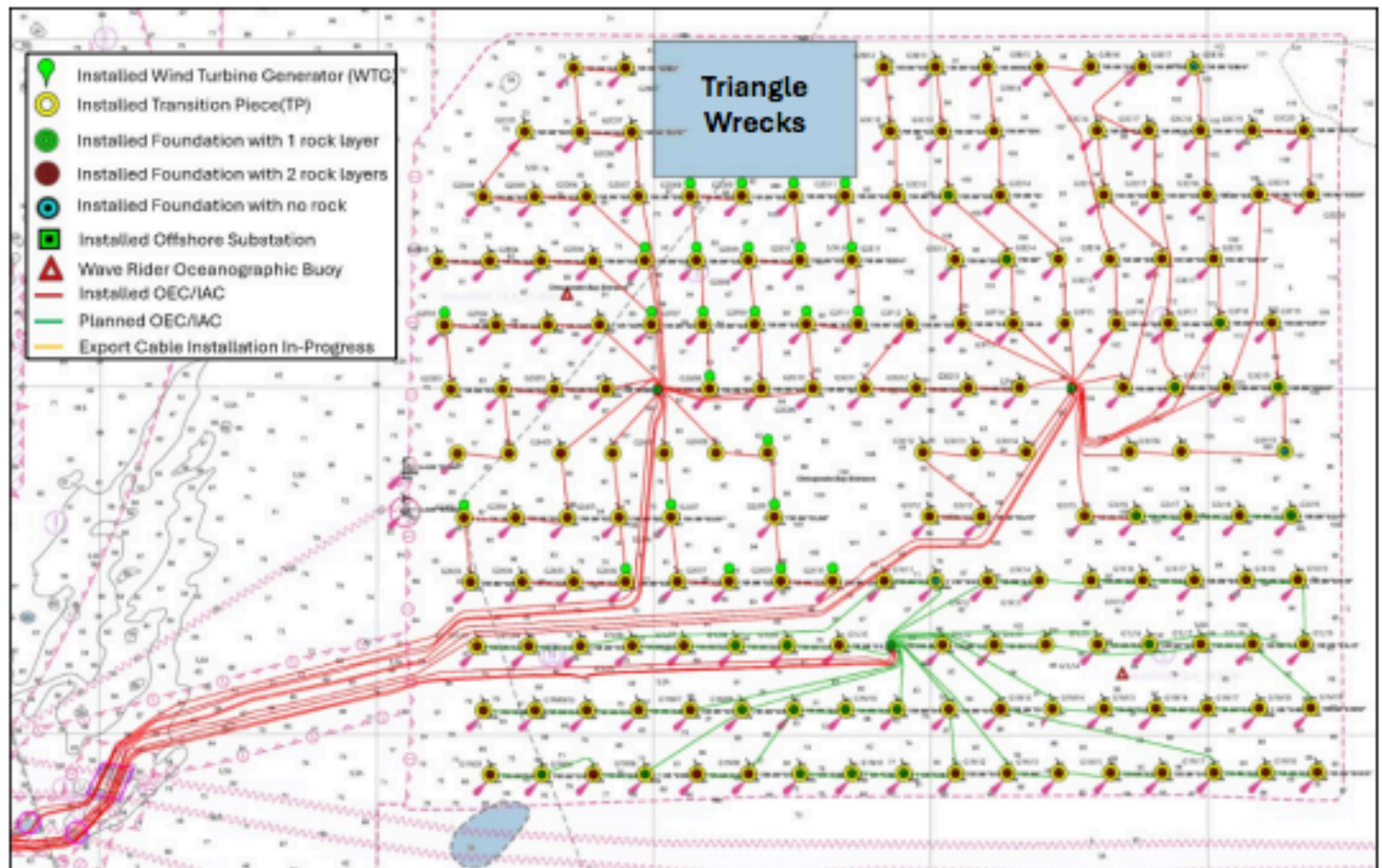


Figure 2: WTG and OSS Layout and Installation Status as of 30-JUNE-2026

Work planned for July 2026

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Offshore Lease Area

Wind Turbine Generator Activities

All 176 MP foundations, TPs, and scour protection (rock) installations around foundations are complete. Twenty-four (24) of 176 WTGs have been installed.

- Wind Turbine Installation Vessel (WTIV) CHARYBDIS (**Figure 4**) will conduct WTG installations associated with OSS #2 and OSS #3.
 - Mariners are requested to maintain wide berth around these activities, supported by a USCG enforced Safety Zone of 500 meters.
 - SOV PAUL CANDIES will conduct WTG commissioning, supported by CTV WINDEA RELIANCE and CTV PATRIOT LEADER.

Inter-Array Cable Activities

One hundred fourteen (114) of the planned 176 IAC cable sections have been installed.

- LIVING STONE will install cables in the eastern third of the Lease Area.
 - WIND CREATION will support IAC termination and testing.
- ROLLINGSTONE will install scour protection as needed for cables in the Lease Area.
- Pre-lay grapnel runs (PLGR) and pre-lay surveys will be conducted to support IAC installation activities.

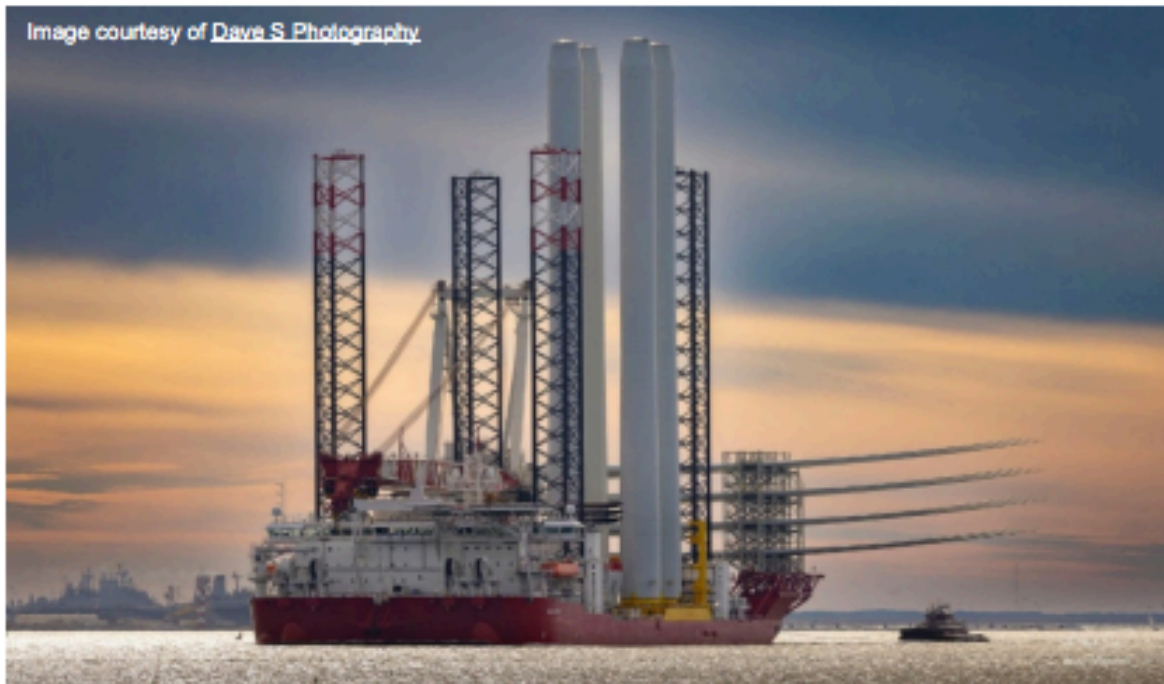


Figure 4: WTIV CHARYBDIS loaded with materials to support installation of four (4) WTGs in the Lease Area

Offshore Substation Activities

All three (3) OSS foundations and topsides (**Figure 5**) are installed. Commissioning activities continue.

- OSS #1
 - HOS RIVERBEND and HOS BRIARWOOD will conduct commissioning activities, supported by HOS BLACK FOOT and ROGER WILLIAMS
- OSS #2
 - OSS #2 is energized and providing power to the grid as of March 2026.
 - HOS RIVERBEND and HOS BRIARWOOD will support commissioning.
- OSS #3
 - OSS #3 is energized for testing and commissioning purposes.
 - HOS RIVERBEND and HOS BRIARWOOD will support commissioning.
 - LIVING STONE will conduct cable pull-ins, supported by HOS BLACK FOOT and ROGER WILLIAMS.
 - WIND CREATION will support cable testing.
 - HOS BAYOU will conduct rock bag installations around OSS #3 and cables for stabilization.



Figure 5: Completed OSS with topside

USCG Safety Zones in Effect at Installation Sites

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has established **179 temporary 500-meter safety zones around the construction of 176 WTGs and three (3) OSSs** in Federal waters on the OCS, east-northeast of Virginia Beach, Virginia. This action is necessary to protect life, property and the environment during construction of the foundations and the subsequent installation of the turbine components, **from May 1, 2024, to May 1, 2027**. When enforced, only attending vessels and those vessels specifically authorized by the Fifth Coast Guard District Commander, or a designated representative, are permitted to enter or remain in the temporary safety zones. Each of the 179 temporary safety zones will be enforced individually, for a period lasting approximately 48 hours, as construction progresses from one structure to the next.

Temporary Marine Lighting

Quick-flashing yellow marine navigation lights are installed on TPs (~80' above sea level) and in operation from sunset to sunrise (**Figure 10**). **Extreme caution should be exercised when operating in the area. Please report any malfunctioning lights to the safety vessel on site and/or the MCC.**

Updates to the lighting installations will be published in the [USCG Local Notice to Mariners](#) and [USCG Light List](#). For up-to-date status of foundation installations, please refer to the USCG [Maritime Safety Information Products | Navigation Center](#).

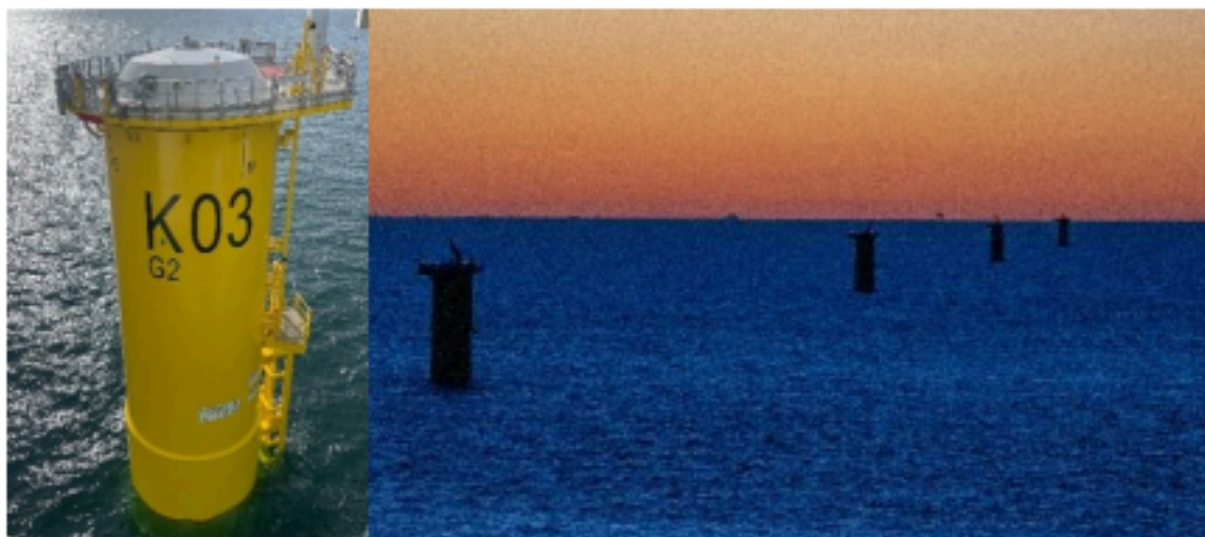


Figure 10: Temporary marine navigation lights on installed TPs



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