

**THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB**

# **WIRELINE**

**DECEMBER 2023**

## **What's Inside**

**Club Holiday Party & Gift Exchange - December 18th**

**Fishing Reports;**

- Little Creek: Speckled Trout
- Lynnhaven: Speckled Trout, Puppy Drum, Bluefish
- CBBT: Tautog, Black Sea Bass
- James River: Stripers, Blue Catfish
- Elizabeth River: Speckled Trout, Puppy Drum
- Nansemond/Chuckatuck: Stripers, White Perch
- Offshore/Virginia: Black Sea Bass



# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Remember to check the Club Tournaments Page for your entries into the Prize Fish Program. These can be Fresh or Saltwater entries from Virginia or North Carolina that meet their state citation requirements or our club's minimums. If you don't see one of your Prize Fish entries forward it to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com). The end of November marks the finish of the club Speckled Trout tournament but the other tournament continue through this month.



Our next big Club event is the Holiday Party, which will take the place of our regular December meeting. Same place and time. We've got a gift exchange planned, which is always great fun.

In lieu of a guest speaker at our December meeting we'll be holding our Holiday Gift Exchange. Some call it a Yankee Gift Swap or White Elephant Gift Exchange, whatever you want to call it, it can be a lot of fun. To participate bring along a wrapped gift in the \$20 range. We'll collect the gift and give you a raffle ticket. We'll then use the ticket to randomly set the order to select a gift.

## Holiday Gift Exchange Rules

- Gifts range \$20
- When you're selected you can pick a wrapped gift or select one that's already been opened.
- Gifts must be opened once selected.
- If the gift you opened is selected by someone else you can then select a wrapped gift or grab someone else's unwrapped gift. but you can't take back the one you just had.
- Gifts can only be swiped twice. Meaning, the gift once opened can be taken by someone else and then taken a second time. After that the gift isn't available to change ownership again.
- There can be only three gift "swipes" during a turn. After the third gift "swipe" the next person draws an unwrapped gift...and we begin again.

## Important:

## December 18, 2023

## NAC Holiday Party at Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk, VA

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## Club Calendar

### December

Tues, Dec 5th: Virginia Marine Resources Commission meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

Mon, Dec 18th: Norfolk Anglers Club Holiday Party, Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

### January

Mon, Jan 15th: Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting  
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

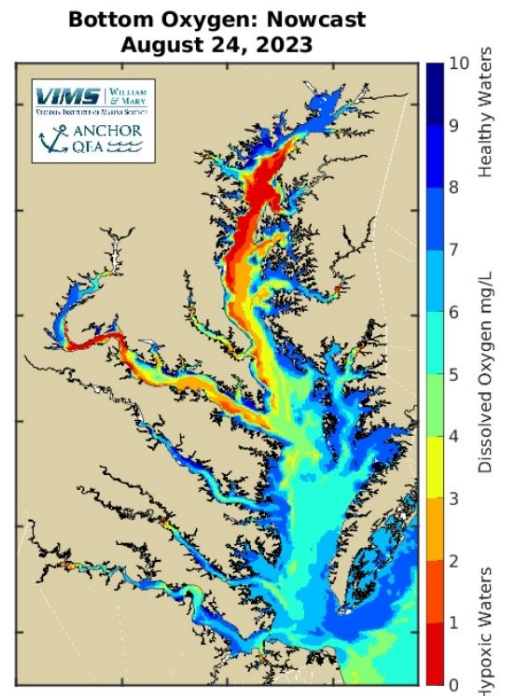
Tues, Jan 23rd: Virginia Marine Resources Commission meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

### February

Fri-Sun, Feb 2-4th: Mid-Atlantic Boat Show at the Virginia Beach Convention Center

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## 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](http://www.NorfolkAnglersClub.com)) and submitted by email to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)

### Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries 1 January - 30 November 2023

Freshwater	
Species	Name (#Entries)
Crappie	James Eisenhower (12) Russell Willoughby (10)
Chain Pickerel	Russell Willoughby (2)
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby (1)
White Perch	Marty Schriebl (1)
Blue Catfish	Mary Troutner (1)

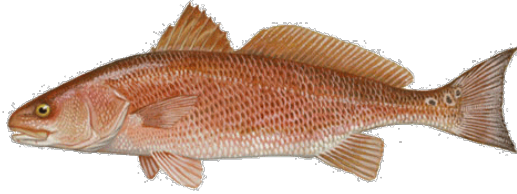
**For the 2023 Tournaments, ALL entries  
need to be submitted to  
[NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)**

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

\*\*\*\*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  
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Saltwater	
Species	Name (#Entries)
Speckled Trout	James Eisenhower (5) Ned Smith (2) Bert Sainz (1) Alex Perez, Sr. (1) Henry Troutner (3) Mary Troutner (1)
Spadefish	Henry Troutner (2) Mary Troutner (1) John Curry (2)
Sailfish	Jere Humphrey (1)
Grey Triggerfish	Henry Troutner (1) Alex Perez, Sr. (1)
Tautog	Alex Perez, Sr. (1)
Sheepshead	Will Bransom (1)
Black Sea Bass	Jere Humphrey (1)
Black Drum	Alex Perez, Sr. (1)

# Club Members Tournament for 2023



## Redfish "Spots" Tournament

### Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023
- 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](mailto: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, 2023 and December 31, 2023
- 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](mailto: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

Capitán Alez Perez, Sr.

"Temporary" Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (TOTTD)





# 2023 Fall

What a great time we had at the Club Fall Social! It was a beautiful fall afternoon at the Izaak Walton League Park in Chesapeake. We enjoyed the fellowship of our club members while enjoying plenty of food. Our wonderful cooking staff, Wesley Waters, Ned & Michel Smith, Henry & Mary Troutner, Mike Hubert, Will Bransom and Karen Schrader prepared quite a feast. Steamed crabs, fried fish, oysters fried, steamed, and on the half shell, steamed clams, low country seafood boil, beef brisket, pulled pork barbecue, mac & cheese, baked beans and so much more! There were plenty of side dishes and desserts to go around as well.



The Chesapeake Bay Foundation Shell Recycling Program got all the oyster & clam shells





# Social





# Fishing Reports...



19 NOV: John Curry and I had a small window of opportunity to check for stripers at the Chuckatuck on a Sunday's incoming tide. On the last pass with a stretch, this 20-inch guy jumped on, keeping the Curry boat live. - George Langdon

17-18 NOV: I went to the Chuckatuck, caught a keeper, and short both days. I was trolling a stretch with a yellow bottom and a red top. The tide is one day coming and one day out. When I get a tap/strike, I work the spot multiple times and often end up with a fish.

- John Curry



15 NOV: John Curry had Mary and me out to check on the Striper bite. We hit the JRB without success, but Mary kept the skunk off the boat by landing two stripers, one short and one keeper, at the Chuckatuck. Red/White Stretches caught the fish. - Henry Troutner



16 NOV: I caught a limit of nice sea bass on the 3rd Thursday of the month!

- Andy Reid



20 NOV: I thought we'd give the Elizabeth River a try for speckled trout. We met Ned Smith at the Great Bridge Lock ramp and headed out in our skiff. Working our way out of the river, we spent a couple of hours casting everything in the box at all the regular locations without any luck. Finally, when changing areas along Deep Creek, we decided to troll. Shortly after, Mary had three nice speckled trout in the boat, and Ned and I hadn't had a bite. She eventually let someone else catch a fish, and we ended up with six, including three Norfolk Anglers Club citations. All fish were caught on paddle tails on 1/8 oz. Jigs trolled with the incoming current fast enough to keep tension on the line.

- Henry Troutner



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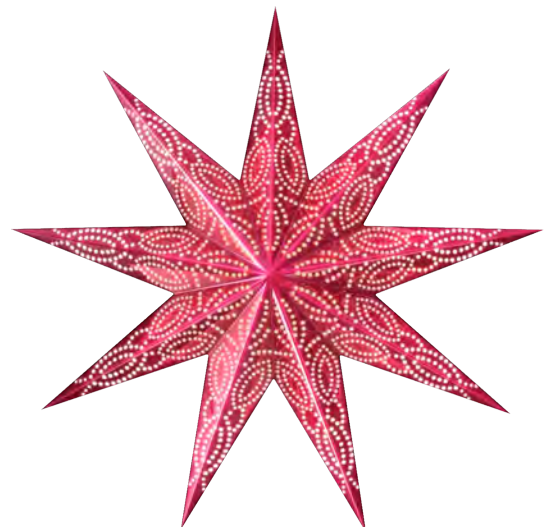


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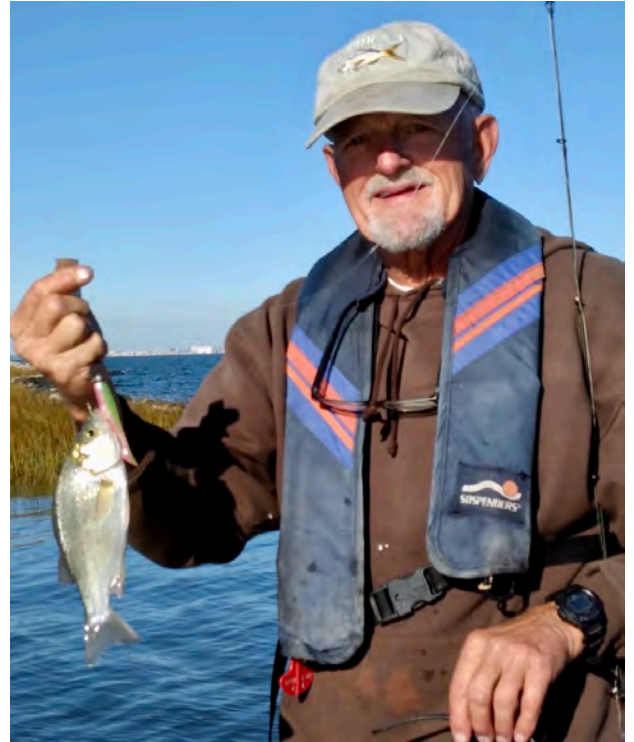
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4 NOV: Called Henry and Mary Troutner at the last minute to see if they wanted to go to the Nansemond River for Striper. As usual, the response was, "Yes, what time?" We trolled the bridge with stretches and no strikes. I decided to go to the mouth of the river and cast the shoreline. I found a school of white perch. I have never seen two people so happy to catch a small perch. It was high tide. We caught about a dozen and released all. Mary caught hers on a jig with minnows, and Henry used a 3-inch electric chicken Z-man paddle tail.

- John Curry



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6 NOV: I read the “Green Top Fishing Report at this link:

<https://www.greentophuntfish.com/read-our-fishing-report/>. Rockfish are being caught in many of the tributaries, most of which are being caught shallow.” I went to the Chuckatuck Bridge, caught three, and lost three. Water was 54 degrees while trolling a stretch in 4 feet of water. The one I kept was 21 inches.

- John Curry



11 NOV: The “Chuckatuck Crew” made a decent showing for the Norfolk Anglers Club at the Deep Creek 23rd Striper Tournament. With “Captain John Curry,” Mary and I spent a whole day fishing the Chuckatuck and James Rivers. We hooked seven Striper, landed five, and kept our three-person limit, although all were small school-size fish.



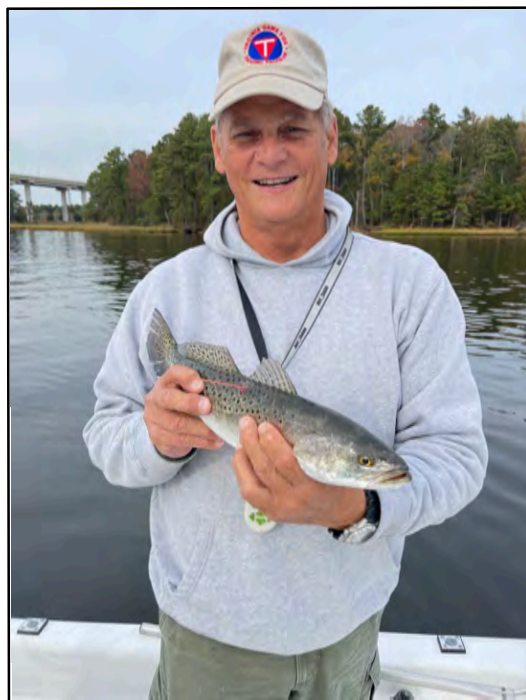
Mary did receive the “Lady Angler Trophy,” and we pocketed \$100 for the smallest legal fish at 20 1/4 inches. This is our 2nd year in the tournament, which, in addition to being for a good cause, has a fantastic Captain/Crew party the night before the tournament.

- Henry Troutner



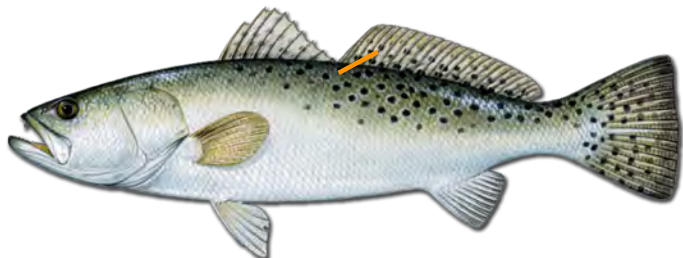
15 Nov: Fished the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River with Alex Perez. Fishing was slow but we had a great time casting jig-heads for the speckled trout in deep water. We landed 12 trout ranging 10-18 inches, four of them in the +16 category. All were tagged for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program.

- Will Bransom



9 Nov: I departed the Elizabeth River Park (Jordan Bridge) boat ramp hoping to tag a few more speckled trout after hearing encouraging reports. I started off near the Veterans Bridge before moving up toward the I64 High Rise bridge and Deep Creek channel. While not a heavy bite on the ebb tide I managed to land fourteen up to 16 inches.

- Will Bransom



24 Nov: We ventured out to the CBBT 3rd Island between weather systems. Released 10 taugs and kept 5. Also released a bunch of undersized black sea bass. All caught on cut blue crab.

- Jere Humphrey







8 NOV: John Curry, Mary, and I hit the water trying for Stripers. The first stop was the Chuckatuck Bridge, and with no love there, we headed for the JRB. Things were slow, but I did catch a nice 25 1/4", and we lost another. Fish were caught on tandem jigs - 5 oz and 1 oz with 5-inch chartreuse paddle tails off a 3-way swivel, fished with long swooping jigs as we trolled at 2+ Kts.

- Henry Troutner



19 NOV: On a late afternoon trip with John Curry, Mary and I got out of the house. We hit the JRB and struck out, but Mary saved the day with a nice keeper at the Chuckatuck once again. Red/White Stretch did the trick.

- Henry Troutner



24 NOV: We've seen several reports from "Jet Ski Brian" about catching Stripers on the James River using eels. Our trolling technique has been slow lately, so we planned to try some eels. John Curry, Marty Schriebl, Mary, and I would launch the Shamrock at Huntingdon Park, make a couple of passes trolling the JRB, and then head upriver to drift eels. John picked up the eels at \$4 each and won't be fishing much with eels. Our first pass along the JRB and Marty got a nice "Maryland Tagged," 24 inches on a red/white Stretch 25.

When our second pass didn't produce, we headed to Buoy 34 off Hog Island to drift eels—a couple of hours of this only resulted in three Catfish. Although it had been windy and choppy when we started the day, by the time we headed back from Surry, it had laid down for a nice ride home.

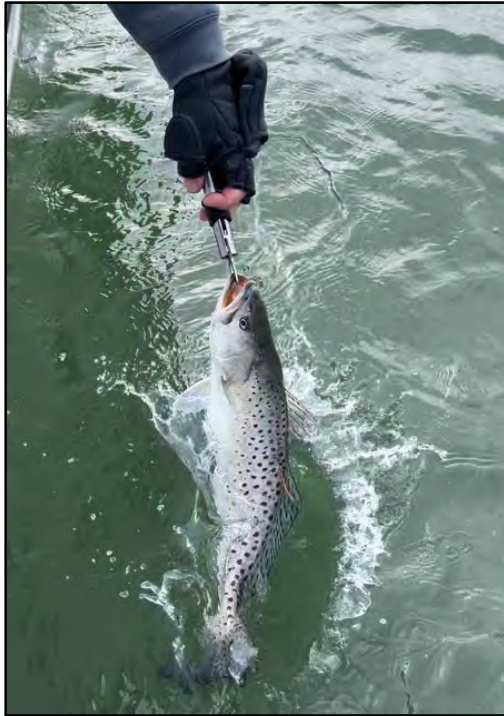
- Henry Troutner



25 Nov: I fished with Danny Moore and Bill Hamilton by the Norfolk International Terminals on the Elizabeth River. We fished the end of the outgoing, through the beginning of the incoming tide. We used Z-Man Scented Curly-tails on 1/8 ounce jigheads and Mirrolure 18MR's to catch 22 Speckled Trout up to 19 inches, four small Black Sea Bass, and a 31 inch puppy Drum.

Fish not kept were tagged and released for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP).

- Alex Perez



6 Nov: Hai out fished us today in Little Creek. James "Ike" Eisenhower and Hai Edison, my girl, landed two ( 20" ) speckled trout and we landed over 30 small ones.

Caught on 27MR MirrOlures. Water temp 62. Tight lines

- Louis Glaser



16 Nov: Ned Smith used my boat this morning in Little Creek with a friend and caught 4 nice speckled trout using the Original Paul Brown fishing Lure. Plenty of throwbacks. Tight lines

- Louis Glaser



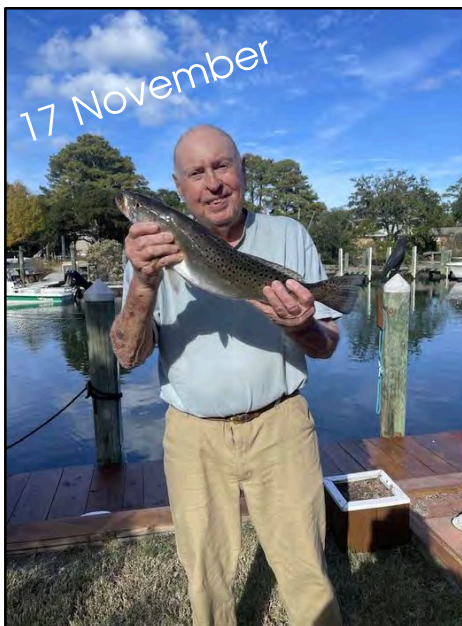
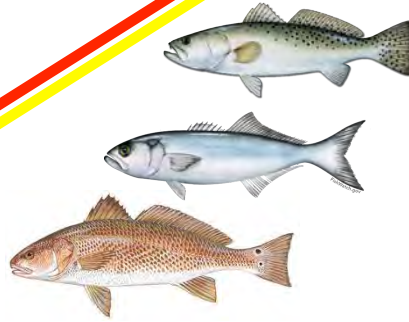




3 Nov: Fished Pretty Lake for a couple hrs with Ike Eisenhower and Ned Smith and we caught a few specs using 27MR MirrOlures.

Water temp 62 and depth 6 ft. Biggest 21"

Tight lines - Louis Glaser



20 Nov: From Jimmie Robinson's FB page. Jimmie doesn't usually post a lot of words but lets his catch speak for itself.

Well Done Marine!

S/F - Will





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