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Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Thanks to all who volunteered to help out at the Boat Show. It was a great event for our Club and their support made it a success.

It's membership renewal time again! Membership dues go a long way to offsetting the cost of our banquet, funding the Ocean View Rec Center Head Boat Trip, supporting the Catchin for Kids Club Challenge, Tournaments with other Clubs, our Fall Social, and our own Club Members Fishing Tournaments.

Our Awards Banquet will take the place of our regular February meeting. The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 14th at the Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet in the Southern Shopping Center, Norfolk.

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Club Awards Banquet

Saturday, February 6th at the Aberdeen Barn & Steakhouse
5805 Northampton Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455
(Next to Oceans East Bait & Tackle)

We've got a great evening planned starting at 6:30pm with a cash bar, Buffet Style Dinner served at 7:00pm and the awards program following. Dress casual.

Please RSVP to;
will.bransom@gmail.com no later than Wednesday February 3rd.



Important: Awards Banquet



Location: Aberdeen Barn & Steakhouse

February 6th at 6:30pm

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Acoustic Tagging Project at VIMS

SAVE FISH AND CALL 804-684-7863 No. xx

The Norfolk Anglers Club was fortunate to have Dr. Patrick McGrath, PhD from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science/College of William & Mary join us and share a new VIMS project for acoustic tagging of Speckled Trout.

Speckled Trout (Spotted Sea Trout) aren't the first acoustic tagging project undertaken by VIMS. Tagging Atlantic Sturgeon is an ongoing project at VIMS and the Speckled Trout tagging effort is another study titled *Temperature Selectivity and Movement Patterns of Speckled Trout*. The acoustic tagging program is funded from the Virginia Marine Resource Commission and is expected to aid Fisheries Management and Recreational Anglers by providing higher fidelity on Speckled Trout movement, including time, date, temperature, and location data.

The sample population of Speckled Trout in the Corrotoman and Elizabeth Rivers will have small transmitters/acoustic tags implanted into the fish's abdominal cavity that provides a unique transponder number and temperature of the fish. The transponders have a life span of approximately 405 days, which is long enough to collect data on Speckled Trout movement to determine if the fish move between river systems or winter-over in a particular area. Unlike the traditional recreational tagging program, which records the location of where the fish was tagged initially and then where it was later caught & reported, the acoustic tagging program records movement patterns of tagged fish which can then be compared to local environmental conditions such as severe temperature drops or other factors to determine if fish movement patterns correlate to those environmental conditions.



Acoustic Tag:
source: www.vemco.com

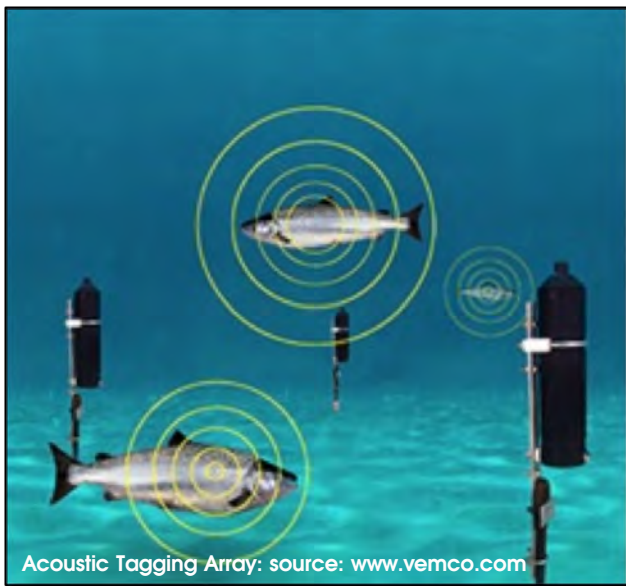


source: Acoustic Tagging Projects at VIMS Presentation

won't affect the fish's behavior or risk of survival when using the program's transponders. However, a few smaller acoustic tags were able to be implanted in two smaller fish in the Corrotoman and Elizabeth Rivers. Speckled Trout are with a different color tag than the Virginia Game Fish Tagging program to identify fish implanted with acoustic tags. Anglers are asked to release the fish live if caught and keep the fish if dead or not likely to survive. The acoustic transponder can be re-used if returned. To return a transponder contact VIMS at (804)684-7863. Each acoustically tagged fish has a tag with the phone number and tag number attached.

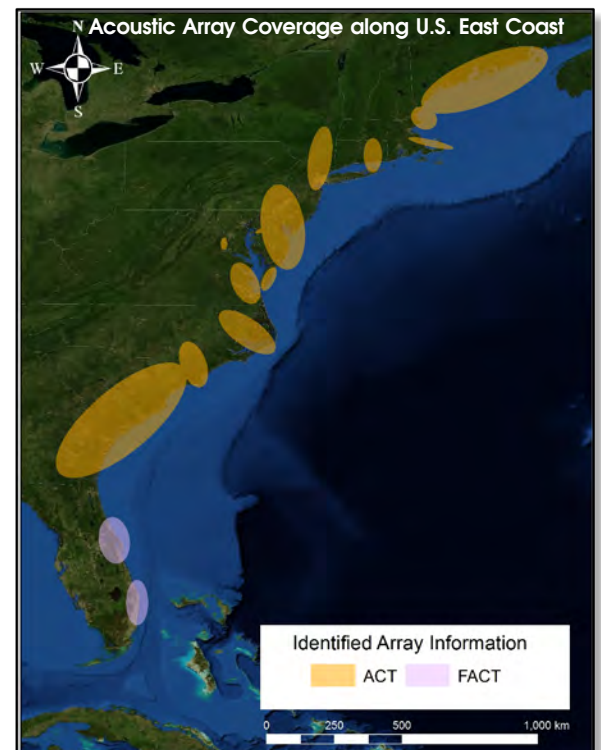
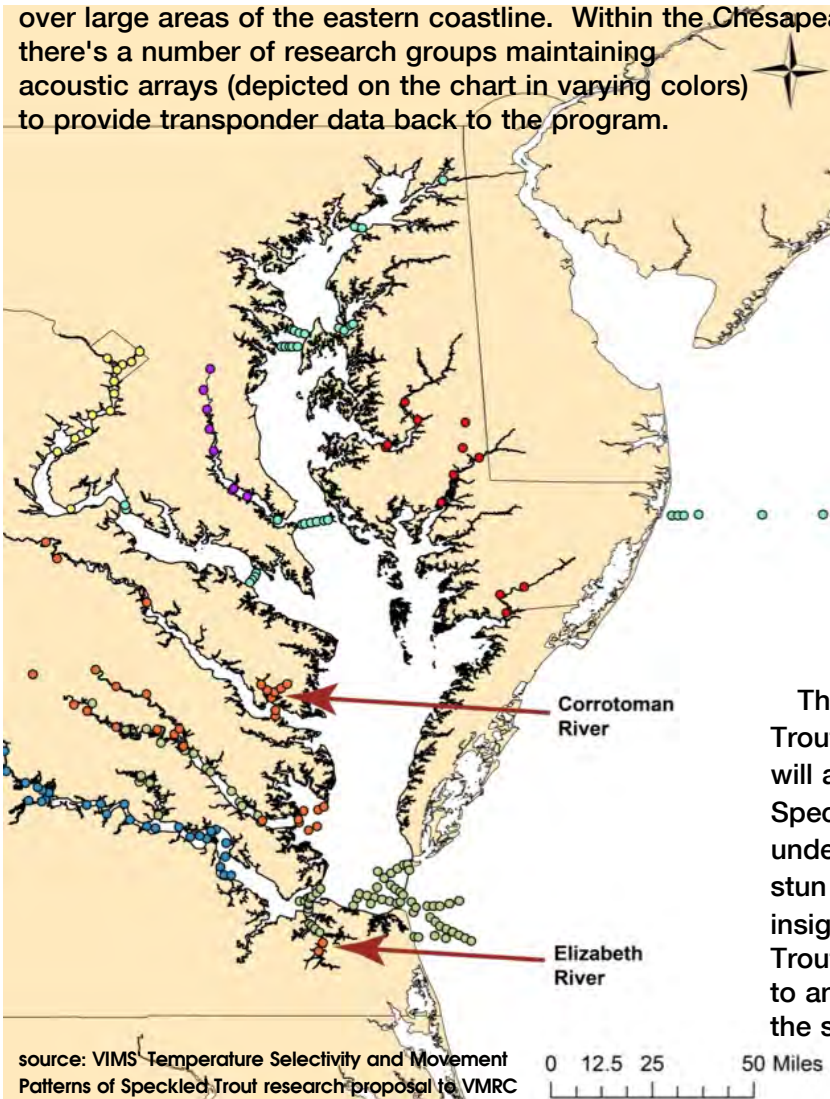


VIMS Acoustic Tag



While locating, catching, and tagging Speckled Trout might be the initial challenge the program, the cost of acquiring and maintain acoustic receivers is another. For the program to be successful enough acoustic receivers are needed to record Speckled Trout movement. Under the VIMS project, Eight acoustic receivers with temperature logging devices will be placed in the Corrotoman River every 2 miles along the main stem. This will create an acoustic array to capture transponder equipped fish as they move throughout the river system. In the Elizabeth River system the U.S. Navy already maintains an acoustic array that will provide information back to the program. All that was needed was the additional placement of temperature logging devices to complete the monitoring system. The acoustic receivers are designed to record the transponder number, date, and time if the transponder gets within 1/2 mile of the receiver.

Outside the Corrotoman and Elizabeth Rivers there's the Atlantic Cooperative Telemetry network or ACT. In 2006 as acoustic tracking programs were used more extensively along the eastern seaboard, the need for data sharing among researchers became evident. The cost of establishing an acoustic receiver array is a major consideration in any acoustic tagging program. The Atlantic Cooperative Telemetry Network and the Florida Acoustic Cooperative Telemetry (FACT) group provide telemetry data sharing among research groups. The combined use and sharing of acoustic receiver arrays provides acoustic coverage over large areas of the eastern coastline. Within the Chesapeake Bay there's a number of research groups maintaining acoustic arrays (depicted on the chart in varying colors) to provide transponder data back to the program.



source: Atlantic Acoustic Cooperative Telemetry Network at <http://www.theactnetwork.com/>

The acoustic tagging program benefits our Speckled Trout fishery in a couple of ways. Results of the study will aid Fishery Managers understand the movement of Speckled Trout throughout the year and better understand types of scenarios which may predict cold stun events. Recreational anglers benefit from better insight as to when and why Speckled Trout move from one area to another during the season.



Fishing Reports...



Crappie fishing on Smith Lake

10 January: I went out with Steve Harding to do some crappie fishing. There was a cold front coming thru later in the day and it was partially cloudy skies and 25 mph winds. We used tiny jigs and rubber with small live minnows. Things started a bit rough at the ramp because the boat motor would not turn over; so we used the trolling motor to get to our fishing hole. For the first 2 hours the bite was slow; a few crappie, a couple of white and yellow perch, and 2 - 24+ inch chain pickerel. Then for about 2 hours the bite was ON. We caught 25 - 30 crappies that were 1 to 2 pounds and many smaller ones. We ran out of bait and time and trolled back to the ramp. **GREAT DAY ON THE WATER!**

- Ned Smith



8 January: Russell and I went back to Lake Smith looking for the Crappie again and were blessed to find them biting even though the water was down to 47 degrees. We started fishing and catching with long poles and silver sided minnows but it became evident as we would reset our position with the trolling motor they were hitting higher in the water column and on the troll. So I started casting an ultra light spinning rod with a Road Runner with a spinner on it and started catching the big ones with every cast, usually right after the lure hit the water. The crappie particularly liked a 2 inch soft bait that looked like a baby Yellow Perch. Ended up catching over 50, mostly Crappie with an occasional Bass, Yellow and White Perch mixed in. We wore our arms out. Kept about 20 that weighed over a pound with my biggest weighing 1.8 lb. at Ocean's East.
-Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



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1st Fishing of 2016, the Good and Bad!

Well here it was the new year and there are no spectacled trout in the Elizabeth River so what do you fish when the wind is NE 15+ at the 1st Island? Russell offered to take me Crappie fishing so on Sunday 3rd JAN we headed for the ramp on Lake Smith with silver sided minnows and long poles and ultra light rods. *However just as I was trying to get the boat next to the launching pier after getting it off the trailer I slipped and fell into the water, completely submerging.* It was only about 5 ft deep so walking out was no problem and the water temp was only 53 degree. We were able to quickly get back to my truck and I got a change of clothes and were back on the water in about an hour. Biggest problem was the water of course killed my phone. Insurance covered it all but \$100 deductible and I was back in service in two days. But what a pain it is to get the phone all back to the way I had it. Nevertheless it was a beautifully but slightly cloudy day with temps in the 60's. We set up four rods with silversides and two for casting but catching was slow. At least



Russell caught a 3 lbs chain pickerel on a long pole within the first hour fishing, great fighting fish! We moved into the Lake Larsen part of the lake after about an hour of only one keeper crappie that weighed about a pound and getting small bites but no hook ups. We immediately noticed small shad popping all over the branch of the lake we were coming into. Wind was light and it provided a nice slow drift. Before I knew it I had a big crappie on my ultra light pole that gave me a fit going all over and pulling drag. That one weighed out at 1.6 lbs at Oceans East at the end of the day, my personal biggest crappie ever. Of course I hadn't been crappie fishing in over 30 years but it was a great catch in my opinion. From that point on we were catching one crappie after another on long poles and ultra lights. When not pulling them in they were getting off or not hooking up when we tightened the line as our bobbers when down. Russell's biggest went 1.4 lbs at OE weigh in. We ended the day with 8 keepers all 3/4 lb. or over with six over one lb. We had to leave the fish biting when the sun started to go down since the rangers get upset if your still on the water near dark. **Overall, a great ending to a day that started bad.**

- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower

A hand is holding a white Sea Tow membership card. The card has the following text: "Joe Smith", "999-121212", "Gold", "2012 21' Boston Whaler", "VALID THRU 28-Feb-13", "SEA TOW", "001-0000001", "Sea Tow", "800-4-SEATOW". The background is a blurred image of a person in a blue shirt.


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Just as important as reports of good fishing are reports of what's NOT happening. Thanks to Capt Henry Troutner, Captain Mike Avery, and Dr Ike for sharing their recent trips. I've also heard from two other Captains of little success on the Tuna (too many Stripers hungry for horse ballyhoo and poor fishing on the inshore wrecks.
- Capt Will Bransom

25 January: I often commercially rod and reel fish for sea bass with a friend and always do pretty good. We fished on the Monday right after the snow storm, leaving the dock at 4am and returning at 6pm. Although the swells were high 6'-8', the sea surface was flat on the way out. It did build in the afternoon but, gave us a following sea which was a smooth ride but, a pain in the butt steering a straight course. Even with the full moon we did not have much current to deal with. Anyway, we fished 6 wrecks from 60 to 300 feet. Not a Black Sea Bass was caught and we only caught 3 dog fish. Unbelievable!!! *Hope it was just some evil effect from the storm the days before and will pick up again soon.* - Capt Henry Troutner

31 January: Made a run trying for Bluefin Tuna on Sunday. Fished Northeast of the Chesapeake Light Tower to 15 miles east and south. Water temps were 45 to 47 degrees. LOTS of Stripers out there but no love on the Tuna. They are out there somewhere. Checked out Cape Henry area on the way in, no bait and no fish. Water temps inshore were 42 degrees. - Capt Mike Avery

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1 February: Elizabeth River Trip with Ned; Beautiful day, in the 70's so Ned and I had to check out the conditions at the ER to look for some stripers to play with and check on his boat which hadn't been touched in two months. Low water because of winds out of the SW was noticeable. We trolled from the I-64 High-rise bridge to the Hess tanks with X-Raps deep diving lures and Smithwicks plugs but could not get a hit. Didn't see any fish or bait on the Elizabeth River all day. Tried casting around the oysters beds but still nothing. We did see some fish near the High-rise Bridge Columns but couldn't get a hit. Finished out the day in the Cove and did find several marks on the sonar that looked like sizable fish but could get any hits. They were likely hickory shad which can get up to 16" since Ned did feel fish hit his line or lure. We usually end up foul hooking these fish in with our treble hooks. We casted rubber baits, MR 17 and Paul Browns throughout the day. Great day on the water but no joy. Blessings,
Ike



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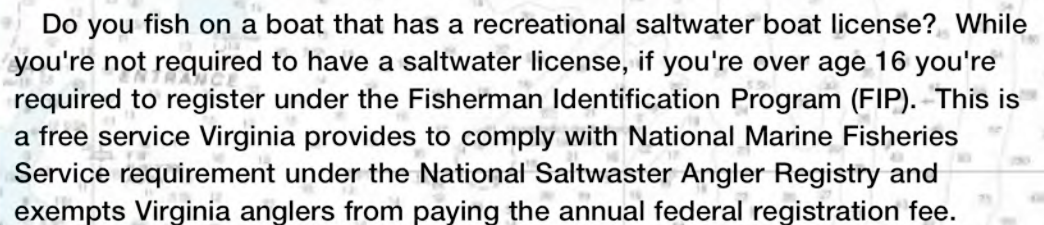
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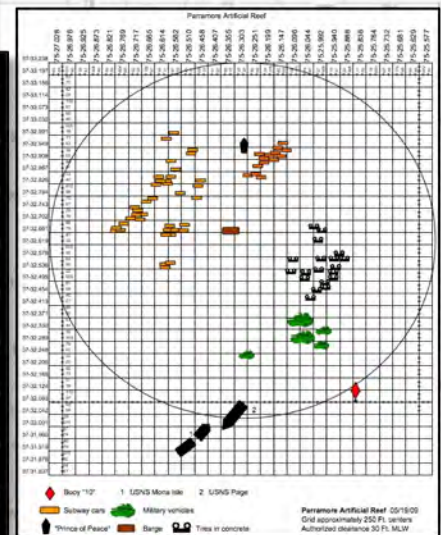
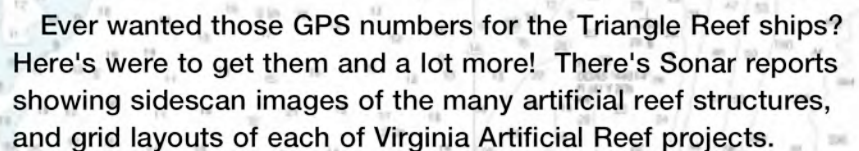


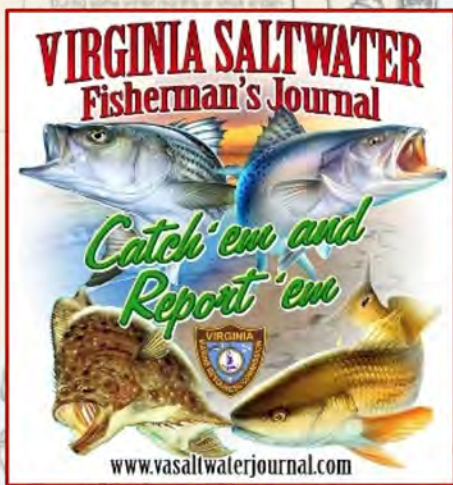
RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS

Fresh and Saltwater fishing licenses are still sold under the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and can be purchased online or at a Virginia Marine Resource Commission Agent in the Hampton Roads area.



If you have a Virginia Saltwater Fishing License you're already covered and don't need to register under FIP.





Since 2007, the Virginia Saltwater Fisherman's Journal has been serving anglers in recording their catch and providing Fisheries Managers with data. After creating your log-in you'll be able to create your own journal of your fishing experiences, using it to log what you caught, when, how, and other information. You can decide to share your info with other anglers as a public record or keep it confidential.

The Saltwater Journal is also the easiest way to make your required reporting for Grouper/Tilefish landings and Spring Striped Bass Trophy catches.

Record Trip Info

* Required Fields

*User Name:

*Date of Trip(YYYY-MM-DD): 2016-01-25

*Fished From:

Launch Site/Pier/Shore Name:

Weather:

Seas:

Wind Speed:

Wind Direction:

Time of Day:

Moon Phase:

Air Temp (F):

Water Temp (F):

*Number of Anglers Reporting For:

*Hours Fished:

Notes:

Current Conditions

Moon Calendar

Identification of launch site will allow fishery managers to evaluate and update the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey(MRFSS) and thereby improve the data collected by the angler interviews.

Record Your Catch

* Required Fields: Species, Qty, Length

You may add an unlimited number of fish for each trip. To add additional fish, just click either of the "Add Fish" button

(1) Kept Fish

*Species: *Qty: *Length(inches): Weight(lbs):

Method: Bait: Tide: ☐ Make Public

*WATERBODY: Comment:

(2) Released Fish

*Species: *Qty: *Length(inches):

Method: Bait: Tide: ☐ Make Public

*WATERBODY: Comment:



Recreational anglers who catch fish meeting established minimum weight or who catch and release fish meeting the Tournament's criteria may submit their entry to the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament. Official Weigh Stations are located throughout Hampton Roads at local Tackle Shops and Marinas. There's no fee to participate in the Saltwater Fishing Tournament!



Donating select filleted fish carasses for research helps us all! Check out the back cover of this month's Wireline for targeted species and locations to donate.

58th Annual Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament 2015



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Off Season Maintenance - Installing a High Water Bilge Alarm

While at a Dry Storage Marina years ago, I watched a friend's boat being put in the water at the end of the finger piers. I thought it was odd because they'd mentioned they would be out of town for a while. It's not uncommon for friends to let another borrow their boat so I didn't give it another thought. I wish I had...

Imagine my surprise when I returned to the marina the next day to find their boat submerged alongside the pier. As it turned out the marina put the wrong boat in the water and one that had been "winterized" with it's drain plug removed. None of the Marina staff noticed the bilge working overtime trying to keep up with the inflow of water. Eventually overnight the batteries drained and the water overtook the boat. It was days before the owner could return to town to survey and salvage the boat.

While that doesn't happen often to a trailer boat or dry stored boats, it's more common with boats kept in the water on a daily basis. Main reasons might be heavy rain or snow with a leaking drain/hatch cover or leaking fitting below the waterline. Bilge pumps can generally keep up with a small leak as long as they have power (batteries) or don't malfunction.

It's a far better option to get an early warning call that your boat's high water alarm is going off and needs attention instead of a call that "Your boat sunk!". For around \$65 you can get a Bilge High Water Alarm system that comes with a switch panel, an obnoxious alarm, and water level sensor. Directions are pretty straight forward if you're handy with tools. The one I purchased was the Johnson Bilge Alert by Johnson Pumps (photo right) but there are many options to select for your boat's configuration.



I selected a location for the sensor in the aft bilge area about 8 inches off the bottom. The sensor isn't a float switch but instead is a micro-electrical sensor that will detect fluids and complete a circuit (alarm). The alarm puts out an annoying 100 decibels and I installed it under the gunwale with a note as to what it is. I placed the switch in one of the un-used accessory switches at the helm. The switch has three positions; armed, off, and momentary test.

The only task remaining was to run wiring and make all the connections. Because I decided to separate the components I had to make wire runs from the aft bilge to the helm switch. It also required that I have a dedicated power (+) directly from the batteries. You want your high water alarm to function similarly to a bilge pump, i.e. always connected directly to the batteries.

- Will Bransom



Mount the water level sensor above the bilge pump to alert you the pump might not be keeping up.



Place the Alarm where it can be heard outside.

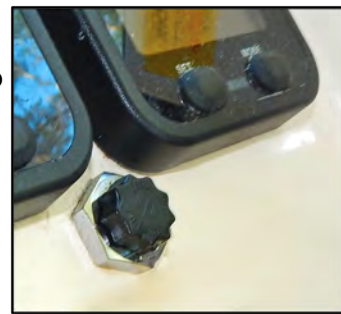
Install the switch where it can be seen and regularly be tested.



Hydraulic System Maintenance

Most everyone who has Hydraulic Steering or a Hydraulic Boosted Steering loves it,...and absolutely hates it when it malfunctions or leaks. Hydraulic systems have become so reliable that many boat owners don't realize they should include some preventative maintenance for the system until a problem emerges. Most problems are discovered by a "spongy" steering feel or the steering wheel takes a turn or two before the motors track in the desired direction.

Understanding a typical hydraulic steering system is actually quite simple. There's a hydraulic pump attached to the steering wheel (inside the consol) and it includes fluid reservoir, there's a steering cylinder mounted at the motor, and hydraulic lines between both components. When you turn the wheel hydraulic fluid is forced through one side of the pump to the cylinder causing it to shift to one side and the other hydraulic line acts as a fluid return to the reservoir. There's usually a fluid fill cap (photo right) on the reservoir or consol and they're either vented or a non-vented type.



The best preventative maintenance a boat owner can provide is to periodically check the system for leaks or low fluid level when they do their annual (100hr) maintenance checks. Unless you're using a dyed (red) hydraulic fluid leaks are going to be hard to notice. A sure indication there's a leak is a need to add fluid. Turn the steering wheel fully in one direction and check the shiny portion of the steering cylinder ram for corrosion and leaks. The cylinder ram shouldn't be wet with fluid. Now shift the steering the other direction and do the same. Corrosion on the portion that travels inside the cylinder will eventually damage the seals and result in leaks or air entering the system. Most manufacturers have a seal kit that includes all the tools and seals necessary to replace the sealing ends of the cylinder however, if there's corrosion or a rough surface on the ram, it'll have to be replaced.

When performing maintenance on your hydraulic system **CLEANLINESS COUNTS**. Hydraulic systems are easily contaminated with dirt and debris when left open during maintenance. Dirt can find it's way into many of the small openings within the cylinder or pump resulting in internal damage. Take precautions to keep tools and the work area clean. Following servicing of your system be sure to purge the air from the system. Air is compressible and fluid is not. For your system to work properly the air has got to go!

There's a couple of methods you can use to purge the system.

1. Two person method involves attaching a drain tube onto the relief valve located on the cylinder and opening & closing the relief valve as another person turns and holds the wheel while adding fluid at the helm station.
2. Single person method is similar but involves sticking the drain tubes into a container that has fluid in it (photo right). The container of fluid acts as a trap to prevent air from being drawn back into the system as the wheel is turned. Just don't let the container empty. Both methods require the helm station fill port be monitored and fluid continually added to prevent air from being pulled into the system.
3. Attach an electrically driven purge system (photo lower right) to the relief valves and fill port, turn it on, and crank the wheel. This system recirculates fluid throughout the system while purging the air.



TIP: To minimize leaks when attaching hydraulic lines use a hydraulic thread sealing compound. NEVER use any teflon tape on hydraulic systems, during assembly small threads of teflon tape can make their way into the system. Always check the manufacturer's recommendations before assembly of the system. Some manufacturers have special fittings that don't require any type of sealant.

Angler Interests

Virginia Safe Boating Courses: www.dgif.virginia.org



Finding a Safe Boating Course, a requirement for EVERY MOTORBOAT OPERATOR starting July 1, 2016, is easy through the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF) Website (www.dgif.virginia.gov). Follow the link to *Boating* and *Boating Safety & Education* to find a DGIF sponsored course in our area. Most courses are FREE or include a small charge to cover the cost of materials. Here's a list of some of the available courses in our area with availability (as of Feb 1st). Make your reservation soon as they'll fill up quickly as July approaches!

Franklin Fire & Rescue: Monday, February 15 & 16th 6:30pm-10:30pm (2 Evenings) 22 of 25 Seats OPEN

Virginia Beach Cox High School Rm122: Monday, February 22 Plus 5 Evenings 7:00pm-9:00pm 20 of 25 Seats OPEN
***Course taught by US Power Squadron cost is \$25 for materials

Chesapeake Towne Bank Conference Room: Saturday, February 27th 8:00am-5:00pm 22 of 25 Seats OPEN
***Cost for Materials \$35 or \$50 for family members sharing materials

Franklin Fire & Rescue: Saturday, February 27th 9:00am-5:00pm (1 Day) 17 of 25 Seats OPEN

Hampton Bass Pro Shops: Saturday, March 5th 9:15am-5:30pm (1 Day) 6 of 25 Seats OPEN

Virginia Beach Rescue Station 14: Saturday, March 12 8:00am-4:00pm 7 of 20 Seats OPEN

Suffolk Fire Station 5: Saturday, March 12th 9:00-2:pm; Monday, March 14th 6:00-9:00pm; Wednesday March 16th 6:00-9:00pm 24 of 25 Seats OPEN
***Cost \$30 per person for Materials

Virginia Beach Cox High School Rm122: Tuesday, March 15th Plus 3 Evenings 7:00pm-9:00pm 25 of 25 Seats OPEN

Hampton Bass Pro Shops: Saturday, March 19th 9:00am-5:00pm (1 Day) 14 of 25 Seats OPEN

Virginia Beach Fleet Reserve Assoc.: Monday March 21st & Monday March 28th 6:00pm-10:00pm (2 Evenings) 25 of 25 Seats OPEN
***Cost for Materials \$35

VMRC Mobile App: <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/mobile/>



Need to renew your Fisherman's Identification Program registration? How about check up on the latest recreational fishing regulations? Want to look up the gps position of the artificial reef you're heading to?

It's easy to do with the Virginia Marine Resource Commission's latest update to their Mobile App. Other things you can connect to are VMRC Contact Info; to report boating accidents, emergencies, and report violations, and the Virginia Saltwater Journal; to record your trip, catch, or make required recreational landing reports.

Angler Interests

Norfolk Anglers Club Canned Food Drive....We never stop collecting



The Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore was pleased to receive the non-perishable food items we've been collecting at the meetings. As a club we can certainly do more for those who could use our help. The summer months always seem to be a time when food bank donations slow, so

let's re-double our efforts in the coming months.

Items always in need; Lean Canned Protein (Peanut Butter, Tuna, Chicken, Turkey, Beans), Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Fruit Preserves and Dried Fruit, Whole Grains (Pasta, Oatmeal, Rice, Crackers), Other Meals (Stew, Boxed Meals, Canned Pasta), and Baby Products (Formula, Baby Food, Diapers, and Wipes).

We'll have a box for your donations at the door. So take a moment while you're out shopping to pick up a few of the items and bring them to the meeting. We'll take care of getting them to the Food Bank. *Thank You for all you've contributed so far.*

Mustang Survival: Voluntary Life Jacket Recall



Mustang Survival is voluntarily recalling MD315X (Canada) and MD318X (USA) models of inflatable Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) manufactured in Canada between September 2014 and September 2015. This recall is being issued for the reinforcement of a portion of the bladder assembly that may tear when the bladder lobes are flexed apart while fully inflated. A solution has been developed that corrects any affected products and prevents occurrence of this issue. The repair can only be performed at a Mustang Survival factory.

FREE Boater Safety Certification Class



February 20, 2016: Sponsored by the Virginia Beach Anglers Club on Saturday Feb 20th from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Foundry United Methodist Church (Next to Beach Ford), 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA. Limited availability! RSVP to reserve your seat by email at vbanglersclub@gmail.com or call Butch Eason (757) 681-6019 or Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

Great Bridge Fishing Flea Market: Saturday March 5th



The GBFA will host thier 7th annual Flea Market on Saturday March 5th from 8:00am - 2:30pm at the Chesapeake Conference Center (NEW LOCATION), 700 Conference Center Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320. Admission is \$3 (Children 12 & under are free).

Poquoson Boating & Fishing Flea Market: Saturday March 12th



The Poquoson Kiwanis Club Fishing & Boating Flea Market will be held Saturday March 12th from 8:00am - 1:00pm. The 3rd Annual Flea Market will be held at the Poquoson High School, 51 Odd Road, Poquoson, VA 23662. Admission is \$3 (ages 13 & up) and there's plenty of free parking. This year's event has new & used boats, boating gear, new & used fishing gear, and nautical arts & crafts.

**VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
2016 RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR
VIRGINIA'S MARINE WATERS SIZE AND POSSESSION LIMITS**



SPANISH MACKEREL	Minimum Size Limit.....14 inches
Possession Limit.....15 per person	
SPECKLED TROUT (SPOTTED SEATROUT)	Minimum Size Limit.....14 inches
Possession Limit.....5 per person	
Only one speckled trout of the 5-fish limit may be 24 inches or greater	
STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH, STRIPER)	
Regulations on seasons, size limits, possession limits, available on separate regulation card or from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. (For contact information, see below.)	
STURGEON	Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches
SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)	Possession Limit.....4 per person
TAUTOG	Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches
Possession Limit.....3 per person	
Season Closed.....May 1-September 19	
TILEFISH (Bluefin, Golden & Sand Tilefish)	Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....7 per person	
SHARKS	
Recreationally Prohibited Species – It is illegal to take or possess any shark from the "Recreationally Prohibited Species" list, as defined in Regulation 4VAC20-490-20, including but not limited to the following species commonly encountered in Virginia: Atlantic Angel, Dusky, Sand Tiger, Sandbar, White, and Bigeye Thresher Sharks. No size or possession limits apply to Dogfish Sharks but must be landed with head and all fins attached.	
Minimum Size Limit (exceptions below).....54 inches fork length (FL)	
All sharks must be landed with head and fins attached; hammerhead sharks must be 78 inches FL or greater, no minimum size applies to Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead, Blacknose, Finetooth Sharks.	
Possession Limit.....1 per vessel	
Possession limit for Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead Sharks is 1 per person. A non-boat assisted shore angler is entitled to a vessel possession limit.	
Season Closed.....May 15-July 15	
(Includes Blacktip, Bull, Great Hammerhead, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Spinner, and Tiger Shark)	
Federal waters, beyond the Three Mile Limit governed by different regulations set by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.	
Sharks may only be taken by handline or rod and reel. No spearing or bow fishing.	
ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS	
Saltwater Fishing License – Individual license required in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and in all seaside and coastal ocean waters out to the Three Mile Limit Line, unless fishing on a licensed pier, licensed charter or headboat, or licensed private boat; or unless specifically exempted. For an FIP number, register at: www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP or call 1-800-723-2728.	
Measurements – Size limits are in total length; fish must be measured from the tip of the nose to tip of tail, except Black Sea Bass, which are measured from tip of nose along the centerline of the body, to the center of the tail.	
Snagging – Illegal to snag, or attempt to snag, any finfish.	

AMBERJACK	Minimum Size Limit.....32 inches
Possession Limit.....2 per person	
AMERICAN EEL	Minimum Size Limit.....9 inches
Possession Limit.....25 per person (50 for charter/head boat captain and mate)	
BLACK DRUM (DRUM, DRUMFISH)	Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches
Possession Limit.....1 per person	
BLACK SEA BASS	Open season.....season is currently closed
Minimum Size Limit.....12 1/2 inches	
Possession Limit.....15 per person	
BLUEFISH	Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....10 per person	
COBIA	Minimum Size Limit.....37 inches
Possession Limit.....1 per person	
GREY TROUT (WEAKFISH)	Minimum Size Limit.....12 inches
Possession Limit.....1 per person	
GROUPE (All species, including Wreckfish)	Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....1 per person	
KING MACKEREL	Minimum Size Limit.....27 inches
Possession Limit.....3 per person	
RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS, REDFISH)	Minimum Size Limit.....18 inches
Maximum Size Limit.....26 inches	
Possession Limit.....3 per person	
RIVER HERRING (ALEWIFE; BLUEBACK)	Illegal to Possess
SCUP (PORGY)	Minimum Size Limit.....8 inches in state waters; 9 inches in Federal
Possession Limit.....30 per person	
SHAD (AMERICAN SHAD)	Illegal to Possess
SHEEPSHEAD	Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....4 per person	
SPIDEFISH	Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....4 per person	

Where open or closed seasons are specified, dates are inclusive.

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
January 2016



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by Dr. Sheta

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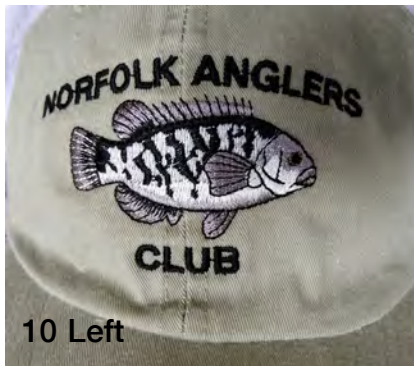
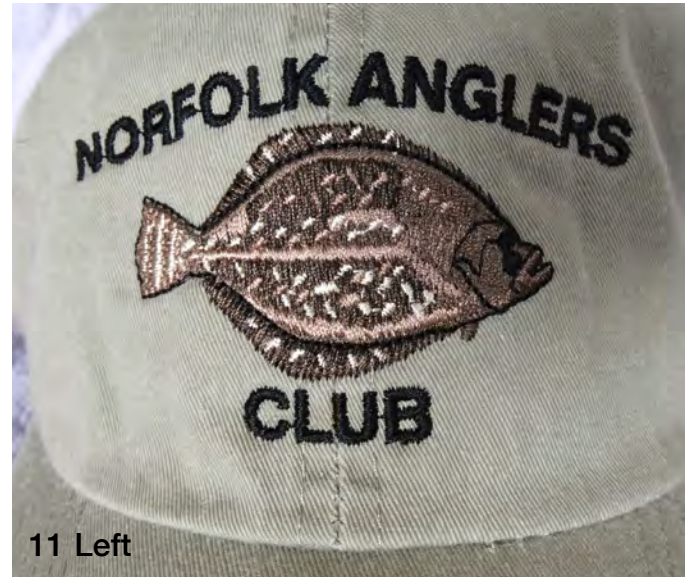
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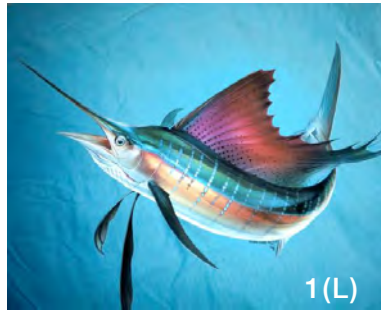
We've added some new hats to our inventory, check them out at the 14 March Club Meeting. If you decide you want one now, contact the Wireline Editor. All Hat cost \$15.00



Norfolk Anglers Club Men's Short Sleeve Cotton T-Shirts



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1 (L)



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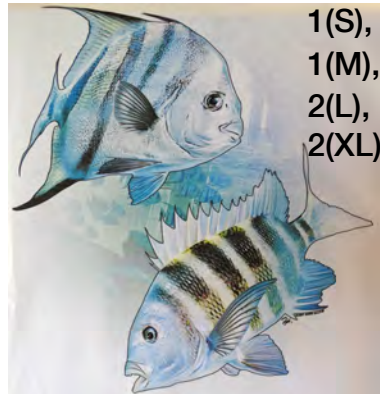


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For this Cotton Shirts, fish designs are on the back. Norfolk Angler's Club Logo is on the front left top . All shirts are white.



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THE VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION ***WANTS YOUR FISH.... TO MEASURE AND AGE.***



*You catch it, you fillet it,
but instead of throwing the remains in the trash,
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The Marine Sportfish Collection Project will focus on species of fish that are difficult to collect through the agency's normal sampling program. Anglers are asked to donate their filleted carcasses (head and tail intact) of legal and fresh-caught:

<u>BLUEFISH</u> (GREATER THAN 36 INCHES) 	<u>TAUTOG</u> 	<u>COBIA</u> 	<u>RED DRUM</u> 
<u>SHEEPSHEAD</u> 	<u>SPADEFISH</u> (GREATER THAN 12 INCHES) 	<u>SPANISH MACKEREL</u> 	<u>SPECKLED TROUT</u> (SPOTTED SEATROUT) 
<u>BLACK DRUM</u> 	<u>TILEFISH</u> (BLUELINE OR GOLDEN) 	<u>WRECKFISH, SNOWY GROUPER, WARSAW GROUPER</u> 	

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