



**THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB**

# **WIRELINe**

**JANUARY 2015**



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**2015  
Membership  
Renewal Time!**

# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope the coming year is safe and prosperous for you and your family.

Lots of great information in this edition of the Wireline. And, for our next meeting we've got Capt Mike Avery sharing a wealth of personal experience with Virginia's deep drop fishery.

At our December meeting the voting membership approved two By-Law changes. The first was to amend the Individual half-year membership to \$20 and Family half-year membership to \$25. The second was to move the club elections to January and have the new Board take over in March. If you're interested in serving our club in a leadership role, please contact me and let me know.

Don't forget our Awards Banquet is right around the corner in February. So, turn in your Citations from 2014 to Tom Hubert at the next meeting. More info on the Banquet at the meeting.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

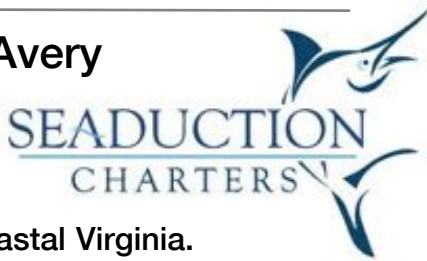
*Will*

## MEETING

### Guest Speaker : Captain Mike Avery

We're very fortunate to have fellow Norfolk Angler Club Member and Charter Captain Mike Avery joining us to share his experience fishing the deeper water off coastal Virginia.

He'll be speaking about Deep Drop Fishing off Virginia, covering the tackle needed, when to go, and how to target Blueline & Golden Tilefish, and Grouper. Captain Mike is well-respected for openly sharing his knowledge and promoting Sport fishing in Virginia.



## Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday January 12, 7 pm

## Location:

Teppanyaki Buffet - 7525 Tidewater Dr Norfolk VA 23505

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# Holiday Party Pics

We had a great time at the Holiдай Party!



# Virginia Coastal Striper Season



Virginia Coastal Seasons: Jan 1 through Mar 31 & May 16 through Dec 31

Minimum Size Limit: 28 inches

Possession Limit: 1 per person **\*\*Regulation Change\*\***

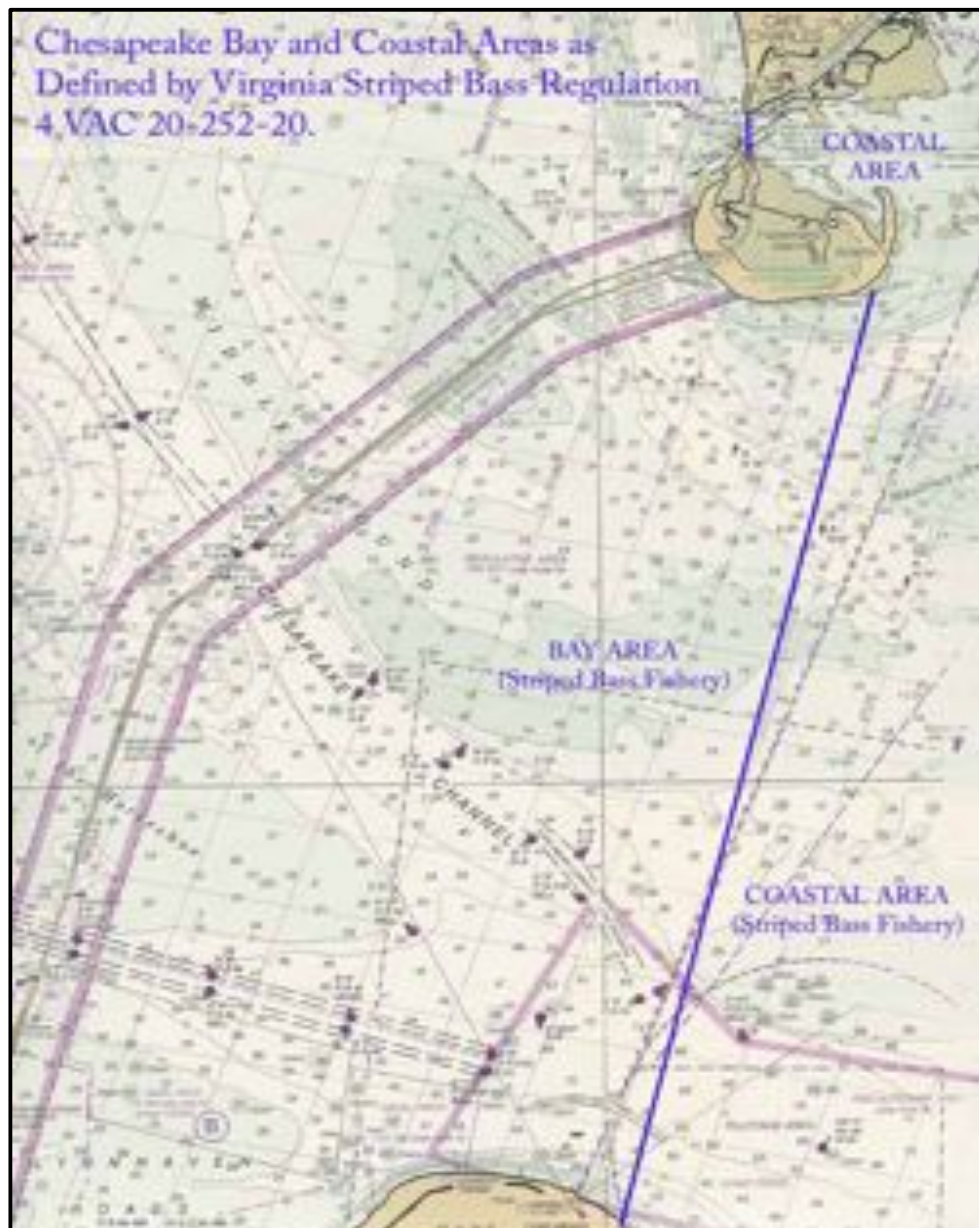
*Coastal regulations apply in Virginia's Territorial Sea, plus all of the creeks, bays, inlets, and tributaries on the seaside of Accomack County, Northhampton County (including areas east of the causeway from Fisherman Island to the mainland) and the City of Virginia Beach (including federal areas and state parks fronting on the Atlantic Ocean and east and south of the point where the shoreward boundary of the Territorial Sea joins the mainland at Cape Henry).*

*Federal water striped bass regulations: Atlantic Ocean waters beyond the 3 mile limit are closed to the taking and possession of striped bass all year.*

**\*\* Possession Limit changed in Dec 2014 to comply with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (AMFC) Interstate Striped Bass Management Plan**

*Check the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) website for recently updated or added regulations.*

<http://www.mrc.virginia.gov>



# Fishing Reports



15 DEC 14: Good Day in Lynnhaven River! Successful with Puppy Drum, Stripers and an 18" Speckled Trout. Total 6 Puppy Drum (3 releases), 4 Rockfish (2 release) and the Speckled Trout. Fifty PM EST - Jimmy Robinson



27 DEC 14: Another good day in Lynnhaven, limit Drum to 25 1/2" and 3 Speckled Trout to 18". Fished the bay yesterday, wire lined all four tubes- no bites! Seals at 3rd & 4th and a big Whale feeding in the Thimble Shoals Channel. Plenty of bait balls. Where's the Rockfish ? - Jimmy Robinson



## Eeling your "secret spot" at Cape Charles....

....How did everyone find out?

3 Dec: Jigging for Stripers at the CBBT with Louis, Glaser, Ned Smith and Dr. Ike.

It was a very foggy morning run to the CBBT 3rd where we first set up to cast jigs to the Stripers near the curve on the ebb tide. Our jigs were a 1-1 1/2oz lead head with a jerk bait. Dropping these near the pilings on the up current side, we fished near the 3rd Island and further up past the 4th Island before heading back to try the 1st & 2nd.

We were marking bait mostly near the 3rd Island and south of the 1st Island near the USNS Yancy debris field.

Occasionally we'd pick up a school of Rockfish on the Fishfinder near the bottom. Although we were catching & releasing smaller Rockfish, as Louis would say "It's Fishing!"

- Will Bransom



Norfolk Angler Club member Gene Bliss working the Rockfish

**Bert Joined the 30" Club:** In mid -December Bert Sainz and I fished the Elizabeth River on two consecutive days. The air and water were in the 50's and the tide was on the ebb. The first day started slow but when we found some bait and fish marks in 15 to 25 feet of water we began catching a dozen 18 to 21 inch specks with jigs. As the current slowed down Bert hooked and brought on board a 30 inch Speckled Trout using a light colored paddle tail. The next day we hooked up to a few nice Speckled Trouts and had a great time with some hard pulling Puppy Drum. The Speckled Trouts were up to 22 inches and the Puppy Drum ranged from 19 to 28 inches. A special congratulations goes out to Bert.

- Ned Smith



**20 DEC 14:** Following Marshall around; watching him catch 3 nice Rockfish at Cape Charles.

- Louis Glaser



**26 DEC 14:** Left Little Creek Friday morning with Mike Bean and Capt Ron. We fished Cape Charles and had only one bite. I felt lucky that we had this nice Rockfish.

- Louis Glaser





3 DEC 14: Fished with Beth Synowiec on the 3rd of December in the Elizabeth River. It was an incredible day for quality and quantity of fish caught. We registered 11 citation fish and probably caught over 40 total, lost track.

- Wes Blow



26 DEC 14: With every intent of making a Norfolk Canyon Deep Drop trip on a perfect day, due to a mechanical issue 50nm out we diverted to the Triangle Reef and fished for Black Sea Bass. Fishing a standard bottom rig and occasionally jigging, we spent a few hours before heading home. We baited using cut & whole mullet and squid. Lots of undersized Sea Bass to entertain us but the action was constant as we drifted the wrecks. We kept 18-20 BSB 13-18 inches. An additional prize was Mike Delbridge landing a nice 28 inch, 8.14 pound Flounder on a jig rigged with a whole mullet!

A special THANKS to Capt Chris Martin who, after learning of my mechanical issue, offered assistance and stayed in communication all the way back to Little Creek. - Will Bransom



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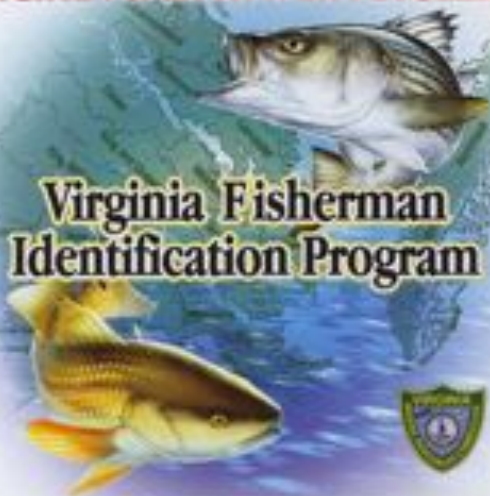
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#### You Must Register Yearly If You:

- Are exempt from buying a saltwater license
- Fish for saltwater species in tidal freshwater

#### You Do Not Need to Register If You:

- Have a Virginia or PRFC saltwater license
- Are under the age of 16

In doubt? Visit the FIP website or call the Va. Marine Resources Commission at (757) 247-2288.

[www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP) to register online  
or call toll-free 800-723-2728.

The Virginia Fisherman Identification Program  
is a state program to register saltwater anglers  
every year without charge.

Anglers can register online

[www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP)

or by calling toll-free 1-800-723-2728.

Registration is quick, easy, and free.

Yes, it's free!!!

## Introducing the Virginia Fishing Line Recycling Program!

◆ Please help keep our waterways cleaner and safer for:

- Fish
- Birds
- Marine Mammals
- Boaters and swimmers

◆ Deposit used or tangled monofilament fishing line into specially marked containers!

◆ Contact the VMRC to sponsor additional bins your area



The Virginia Fishing Line Recycling Program is run jointly by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries with support from the Boat US Foundation and the Virginia Aquarium.

If you have any questions about the program, or suggestions for new container locations, please contact Alicia Nelson at (757) 247-2244 or email [alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov).

**VMRC Managed Locations\***  
Buckroe Fishing Pier, Hampton  
Capt. Bob's Marina, Chincoteague  
Chris' Bait and Tackle, Cape Charles  
Don's Bait and Tackle, Wachapreague  
Lancaster County (multiple locations)  
Long Bay Pointe Marina, Virginia Beach  
Newport News (multiple locations)  
Ocean View Fishing Pier, Norfolk  
Wallace's Bait and Tackle, Hampton

\*DGIF manages other locations throughout Virginia



# ANGLER INTERESTS

## Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirements



In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a boating safety education compliance requirement. The requirement for boating safety education is phased-in over several years and applies to all Personal Watercraft (PWC)\* operators and operators of boats with motors of 10hp and greater according to the following schedule:

All PWC operators, regardless of age, and motorboat operators 30 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2012;  
Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2014;  
Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2015;  
All motorboat operators, regardless of age, shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.

For additional information, obtain a replacement card, or locate a Boating Education Course near you visit the Virginia DGIF website: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/boating-safety-education-requirement.asp>

## December 2014 Council Meeting Agenda Item: Black Sea Bass



The Council and Board recommended recreational management measures to achieve the 2.33 million pound RHL for black sea bass in 2015. Based on projected 2014 landings, this will require a 28% reduction in landings. The Board voted to continue the options for regional management of black sea bass in state waters. If the combination of measures in state waters addresses the required reduction, then federal measures would include a 15 fish possession limit, a 12.5-inch TL minimum fish size, and an open season from May 15 through September 21, and October 22 through December 31. The Council and Board also adopted a set of backup coastwide management measures representing the most restrictive size, possession, and seasonal limit across all states that would be implemented only if the regional measures do not address the necessary reduction. These measures include a 14-inch TL minimum size, a 3 fish possession limit, and an open season from July 15-September 15 in both state and federal waters.

## Golden Tilefish joins the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Citation Program!



Beginning January 1st, Golden Tilefish will join the Virginia Saltwater Tournament Citation Program. The Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee added Golden Tilefish weighing at least 30 pounds to the Citation Program. Previous eligible species and minimum qualifying sizes and weights for citations will remain the same in 2015. To be eligible for Trophy Fish Citations and State Records, any fish caught must be in waters open to fishing to the general public. Visit the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament program website for additional information; <http://mrc.virginia.gov/vswft/index.shtml>

## Norfolk Anglers Club Canned Food Drive



The Norfolk Anglers Club is continuing our Canned Food Drive. So, please bring a non-perishable food item to the next meeting. We've got a labeled box at the entrance of the Banquet Room to collect your donation. When you donate you get a free raffle ticket to the evening's drawing.

# ANGLER INTERESTS

## *Finfish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC); Speckled Trout*



The Virginia Marine Resource Commission Finfish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at the VMRC Commission Room (4th Floor), 2600 Washington Ave, Newport News, VA at 6:00pm. A discussion on Speckled Trout management is included on their agenda. The previous FMAC meeting included a review of current and ongoing data collection regarding the Speckled Trout fishery, a discussion of Recreational and Commercial quota allowances, and the need to establish fishery possession limit triggers and responses once

quotas are met or exceeded. You can review all VMRC Meeting Agendas and Minutes by going to their webpage at <http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm>

## *Saltwater Fishing License Fees Increase for 2015*

The Virginia Marine Resource Commission voted at their October 28th Commission Meeting to raise Recreational License Fees effective January 1, 2015. The Commission voted 8-0-1 with Associate Member Zydron abstaining.

SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE FEE CHANGES FOR 2015	2014	2015
Individual, Resident	\$17.50	\$22.50
Individual, Nonresident	\$25.00	\$30.00
Temporary 10-Day, Resident	\$10.00	\$15.00
Temporary 10-Day, Nonresident	\$10.00	\$15.00
Recreational boat, Resident	\$48.00	\$53.00
Recreational boat, nonresident, provided a nonresident may not purchase a recreational boat license, unless his boat is registered in Virginia	\$76.00	\$84.00
Head Boat/Charter Boat, Resident, six or less passengers	\$190.00	\$224.00
Head Boat/Charter Boat, Nonresident, six or less passengers	\$380.00	\$421.00
Head Boat/Charter Boat, Resident, more than six passengers, plus \$5.00 per person over six	\$190.00	\$224.00
Head Boat/Charter Boat, Nonresident, more than six passengers, plus \$5.00 per person over six	\$380.00	\$421.00
Rental Boat, Resident, per boat, with maximum fee of \$703	\$14.00	\$19.00
Rental Boat, Nonresident, per boat, with maximum fee of \$1270	\$18.00	\$23.00
Commercial Fishing Pier (Optional)	\$632.00	\$669.00
Disabled Resident Lifetime Saltwater License	\$10.00	\$10.00
Disabled Nonresident Lifetime Saltwater License	\$10.00	\$10.00
Reissuance of Saltwater Recreational Boat License	\$5.00	\$5.00



*Know of an issue of interest to our Angling Community? Send your information to the Wireline Editor for inclusion in our next Newsletter.*

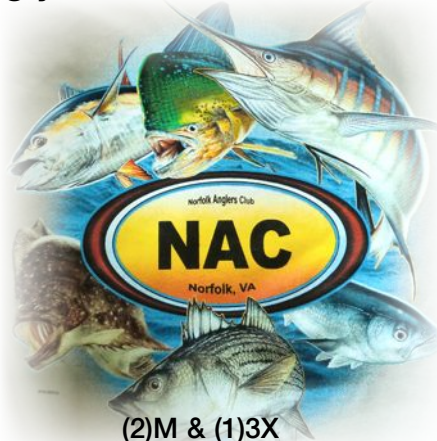


# T-Shirts & Hats for SALE

Check them out at the next meeting! \$15.00 for short sleeves and hats, \$18.00 for long sleeve. Ladies T-Shirts are in, bring your bucks to the meeting to get them!



Long Sleeve (4)L, (6)XL & (7)XXL



(2)M & (1)3X



(1)M, (4)L, (4)XL & (3)2X



(1)M, (3)L, (2)XL & (1)2X

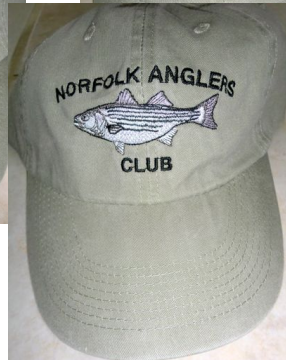
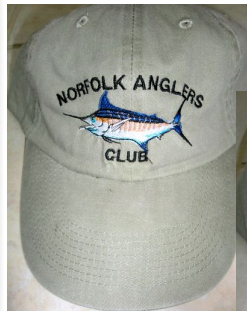
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NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422**

The Norfolk Anglers Club was founded in 2005, filling a need for a fishing club in the City of Norfolk. Membership comes from all over the state.

We are family oriented, dedicated to bringing fishermen and their Families together.

Monthly meetings cover both inshore & offshore fishing as well as boating & safety. There are guest speakers covering a variety of topics and monthly raffles.

We also conduct friendly fishing tournaments and cookouts, all with a family atmosphere in mind.

### Meetings

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM

The meeting location may vary so please check our web page at

<http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com>

All meetings are open to the public and non-members are welcome to attend.

### Membership

Annual dues are:

\$30.00 for an individual  
\$35.00 for a family.

Norfolk Anglers Club membership may be obtained by filling out this application and bringing it to the meeting or Membership Application may be mailed to the following address:

**NAC  
P O BOX 8422  
NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422**

### Point of Contact

Please go to our web page for  
**CONTACT** information

### Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Individual

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Family

Family membership includes spouse and dependent children only. Family members, please complete the following:

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18)

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
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