



THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

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Mid-Atlantic
Boat Show
February 2-4

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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.

Remember the Mid-Atlantic Sports & Boat Show is right around the corner beginning on Feb 2nd at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. At our January meeting please sign up to help out at our club's table during the event.

It's with great sadness that I share Kathy Eisenhower passed away on January 1st. Please keep the Eisenhower family in your thoughts and prayers.

Will

Meeting

Guest Speaker: Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Program Update, Mike Lewis with Dominion Energy and Ron Larsen with Sea Risk Solutions

Get the very latest on the CVOW program at our January meeting. With 2 very successful Project Wind Turbines operating for the past three years the program is moving forward with additional wind turbines in 2024.



Important:

January 15, 2024

NAC Meeting at Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk, VA

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Club Calendar

January

Thurs, Jan 11th: VMRC Finfish Advisory Committee meeting
380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA at 5:00pm

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

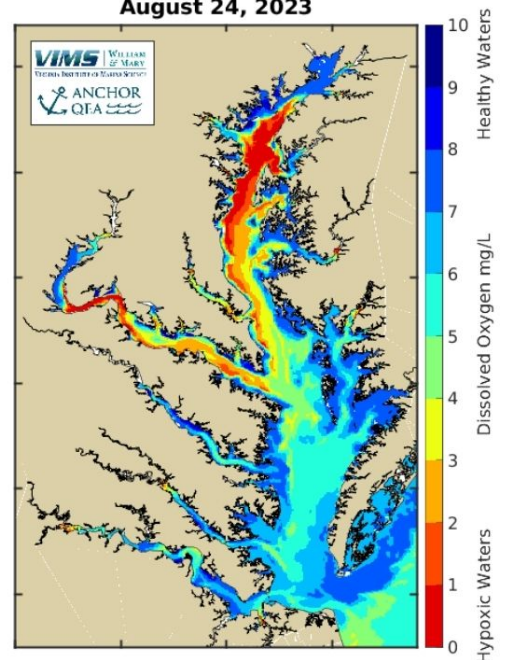
Fri-Sun. Feb 2-4th: Mid-Atlantic Sports & Boat Show,
Virginia Beach Convention Center

Mon, Feb 19th: Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting,
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

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Visit us at the Mid-Atlantic Sports & Boat Show!

Virginia Beach
Convention Center

Fri Feb 2: noon-8 pm
Sat Feb 3: 10 am to 7 pm
Sun Feb 4: 10 am to 5 pm



Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries **1 January - 31 December 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 2024 Tournaments, ALL entries
need to be submitted to
NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com***

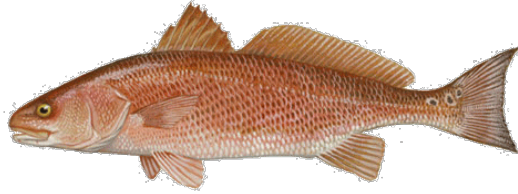
***Documentation from Virginia or North
Carolina Fisheries or Wildlife agencies,
as well as, the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize
Fish paperwork is acceptable.***

****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

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)
Striped Bass	Mary Troutner (1) George Langdon (1)

Club Members Tournament for 2024



Redfish "Spots" Tournament

Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024
- 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.



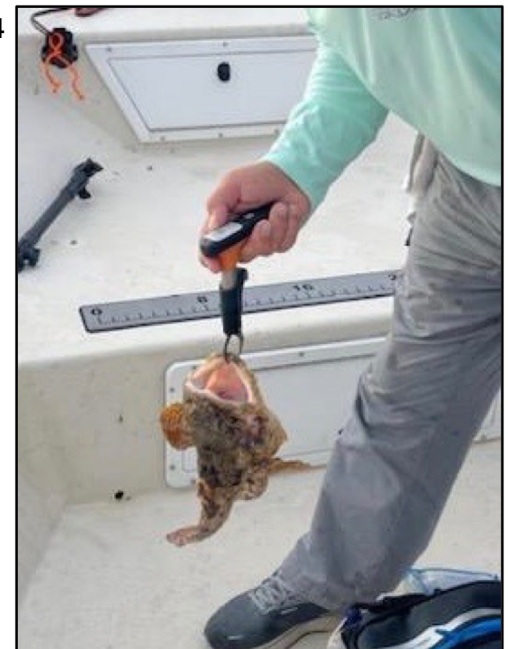
Oyster Toadfish Tournament

Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024
- 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

Capitán Alez Perez, Sr.

"Temporary" Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (TOTTD)



NAC Holiday Party

We had another wonderful Holiday Party in 2023! Thanks to everyone who brought homemade desserts. All were delicious especially the Carrot Cake, yum! Ned and Michel, thank for planning the buffet, all enjoyed it very much! Wendy brought in the XMAS tree with other decorations. The gift exchange was particularly a lot of fun, check out the smiles and little fights to grab a gift. Thanks Henry for leading us in the meeting and gift exchange. Thanks to the ladies who made sure Henry did not go too fast and for making sure that everyone received a gift!







UNTIL NEXT YEAR!

Fishing Reports...



31 DEC: John Curry had George, Mary and I went out to the James for the last day of Striper season. Mary connected with a nice 31-inch, which went in the box.

George got a nice 35-inch that was released after the photo. All caught on red/white.

- Henry Troutner

HAPPY NEW YEAR!





22 DEC: I went to the Chuckatuck bridge and caught this 25-inch striper trolling a stretch 15 color red and white. He hit on the first pass, but got off. I caught him on the third pass.

When I get a tap/strike, I work the spot multiple times, and often, you end up with a fish.

Christmas came early.

- John Curry



30 NOV: I went fishing and had only two bites all day. They were 24-inch and 25-inch.

These are my two personal best fish. She was released to live another day.

- Mike Rheinhart



4 DEC: A beautiful day on the Chesapeake. Flat seas and only a slight chill when running. John Curry, Mary, and I launched the Shamrock at Dandy Point, hoping to catch some Tautog. The first stop was Back River Reef, where we hit several groups of structures.



We caught a couple of short Tautog, about six or eight Dogfish, and some Toadfish. After an hour or so, we moved to the 4th Island. We caught four short Tautog, a small tagged Sea Bass, and our share of Toadfish there. Also, we had a Seal swimming around, cute as could be. Bait was frozen Fiddlers and some cut bait at the reef. All Tautog tagged and released.

16 DEC: Marty Schriebl invited his neighbor, Dave, and me to check out the Bluefin Tuna bite off Virginia Beach. We were fishing on Marty's 23 Trophy out of the Lynnhaven. As we crossed the line of demarcation, we saw the Omega Boats working off Cape Charles and headed there to join a fleet of sport fishing boats trolling the area.

We heard some guys say they had hooked up but didn't see anyone with a fish on. (If you've got kids on your boat, don't turn your radio on; some guys think harsh language makes them rugged fishermen.)

Anyway, after a while, we headed to the Tower area, where another group was fishing. Once again, nothing. Being bored, we stopped at the Santore and tagged several miniature Sea Bass. We then headed for the Triangles. Along the way, we saw several groups of diving birds and stopped to troll a little. Again, no knockdowns. Once at the Triangles, we tried to fish the Morgan but were inundated with Dogfish. We arrived back at Lynnhaven as their Christmas Boat Parade was going on.



DOGFISH ALERT - I Commercial fished for Black Sea Bass on December 12, caught our share, but were driven off every wreck we fished from 100 feet to 200 feet by Dogfish. Schools of 20 to 50 Dogfish were surrounding the boat.

- Henry Troutner

29 DEC: It looked like the last fishable day before the Striper season ended, so off we went, John Curry, Mary, and I. In route to the JRB, pass the Chuckatuck Bridge and have to make a pass or two before moving along. We weren't through the first circuit when I landed a fat 25-inch. Five minutes later, Mary landed a 20 1/2", which she released with only a one-fish limit, saying she would get a bigger one at the JRB.

Shortly after arriving at the JRB, Mary hooked up with a BIG fish. We fish pretty light tackle, and she was in for a 20-minute tussle. Finally, the fish is at the boat and we get it aboard. It is 46 inches and fat with a quick release after the photo. Now, we fish the JRB a lot. Our fish usually run in the mid-20s to 36 inches, so this was an absolute monster for us. Mary's fish were caught on red/white Stretches, and my fish was on a Greenish Bandit. We stopped at Wallace's on our way home for the State Citation report.

- Henry Troutner



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23 DEC: Bert Sainz and I went to the Elizabeth River for speckled trout. The air temperature started at 37 and finished at 54 degrees when we returned to the dock. The water temperature was between 45 and 48 degrees with low winds.

We started fishing at 7:30 am on the outgoing tide and stopped fishing about three hours later on the incoming tide. We had a slow but steady bite using five bass assassins and MR 18 and 27 Mirrors. We were generally casting into 10 to 20 feet of water. We had 12 speckled trout between 17 and 20 inches and two small ones.

All were catch-and-release. Other boats were also catching nice speckled trout.

- Ned Smith



9 DEC: Mary and I met John Curry at his dock for a morning Striper fishing. In route to the JRB, we made a couple of passes at the Route 17 bridge. With no luck there, we moved on, arriving at the JRB at about 10:00 am.

By 10:30 am, we had our 3-man limit of nice Striped Bass, 23-inch, 24-inch, and, as usual, Mary's 29-inch.



All fish were caught on Stretch's, with red/white catching the two biggest fish.

- Henry Troutner



6 DEC: Bert Sainz and I went to the Elizabeth River for speckled trout. We had a great day catching over 20 speckled trout; 12 were keepers up to 20 inches. All of them swam away.

We had several heavy fish on that we lost at the boat. We caught all the speckled trout during the last outgoing tide and two hours before the end of the incoming tide. The water temperature was 55 degrees, and low winds. The choice bait was 27 mirror lures 808 fishing very slow.

Most of the fish were caught in 8 to 10 feet of water. We ran out of time and left them biting.

- Ned Smith



30 NOV: *Mary caught and released a 35-inch Striped Bass at the JRB. John Curry and I witnessed it.*

John Curry invited Mary and me to fish in our area of the James River. After a couple passed along the Chuckatuck with no luck, we moved to the mouth of the creek to try for some speckled trout. Once again, we struck out, so we headed for the JRB.

Mary caught our only fish there, a beautiful fat 35-inch Norfolk Anglers Club Citation Striped Bass.

Shortly after the fish was released, Mary's phone, with a photo of the fish, fell out of her pocket, hit the gunnel, and went overboard in 30 feet of water.

So, there are no pictures for this report. But here is the picture of the prize entry form.

- Henry Troutner

Norfolk Anglers Club
Prize Fish Entry Form

Please fill out the following information. All weights must be on certified scales, witnessed, and caught using Hook & Line.

Species: Striped Bass Location: James River Bridge
Date Caught: 11/30/2023 ☒ Virginia ☐ North Carolina
Lure or Bait: Lure - Stretch
Weight: _____ lbs _____ oz Length: 35 inches
☐ Jr. Angler ☒ Adult Angler
☒ Fish Released ** ☐ Fish Tagged
Angler's Name: Mary Troutner
Address: 207 Longview Circle
City: Smithfield State: Va Zipcode: 23430
Phone: 717-333-1853
I/We certify that the information provided is correct.
Angler's Signature: Mary Troutner
Witness/Weigh Master Signature: Henry Troutner
Witness/Weigh Master Name (Print): Henry Troutner & John Curry
** Anglers fishing alone must provide a clear, side view photograph of the fish on a measuring device, which clearly shows the entire length of the fish.
Membership must be in good standing at the time of the catch to be eligible.
Please submit your Prize Fish Entry form to the Awards Director at any of the Norfolk Anglers Club regular meetings, by email at NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com, or mail it to:
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Awards Director
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24 DEC: Trolling the Chuckatuck with a red and white stretch. No luck, so I switched to a Bandit Walleye lure. I Caught this one on the first pass. The bandits are about half the cost of the stretches.

- John Curry



23 DEC: John Curry, Mary, and I headed out for a few hours of trolling the JRB. It was a beautiful day, but the current was ripping, and the bite was slow.

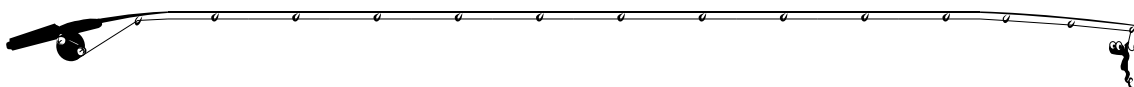
We did manage one over the slot at 32 1/2 inches. Caught on a blue/white Stretch 25 and released.

- Henry Troutner

25 DEC: Went to the Chuckatuck again and caught this striper. Just a note about the Bandit lures. They are sharp but tend to bend and detach from the lure. I lost the center hook on this fish.

John Curry

- John Curry





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