

THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

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Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

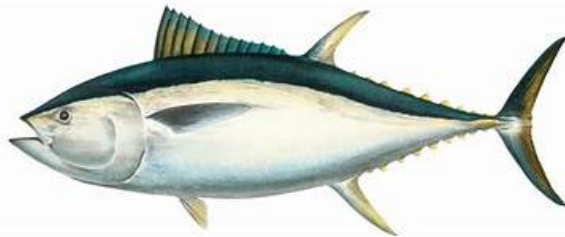
Thank you for another great year for the Norfolk Anglers Club! With a club focused on Family, Friends, Fellowship, and Fishing, it's hard not to be successful. In 2017, our membership increased, the club supported more membership events, and gave more back to our community in volunteerism and donations. You should be very proud of the that. Well Done!

With the New Year it's also time to renew your membership Our dues hasn't changed and doesn't come close to supporting all the events we sponsor during the year, it's still needed though. So, please remember to renew your membership at the next meeting.

Our Annual Awards Banquet at the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club is shaping up to be an incredible event! We've scheduled Saturday, March 3rd for the Banquet. We'll have more information and a sign-up list at the January meeting.

We'll also have our Board of Director Elections at the January meeting. If you have an interest in supporting the club, please give me a call or an email.

- Will



## Meeting

Guest Speaker: Bluefin Tuna fishing with Captain Robert Smith, *Four Reel Sportfishing Charters*. Captain Smith fishes many inshore and offshore species with his 61' custom built Weaver Sportfisher yacht from the Virginia Beach Fishing Center. With recent Bluefin Tuna catches reported just off the coast, this is a great opportunity to learn from an experienced Charter Captain on what's required to successfully target and land a large tuna.



## Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, January 8th at 7pm

## Location:

Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill

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# Fishing Reports...

3 DEC: On a Sunday, Bert Sainz and I ventured to the Elizabeth River for Specks, Stripers or Puppy Drum. We launched the boat at the Jordan River Ramp. The morning was great with low wind, high water and water temp 54 degrees. We fished a few of our old locations near the High Rise Bridge with some success. We caught 9 Specks 18" to 21", and released a few smaller ones and a small Striper. The bait of choice was Mirrolure 27 (808 color). While we anchored and fished the drop offs, most of the other boats trolled in the channel. It felt great to be back in what was at one time the best Speck fishing river on the east coast. GREAT MEMORIES! - Ned Smith



15 DEC: On a Friday, Bert and I planned to get on the Lynnhaven River for some Speck fishing by 9 am but the winds were 20 mph. So we waited until the winds died down and put the boat in the water at 11 am.

We started fishing the outgoing tide but had no bite for the first hour. The next 2 hours was a different story. Bert using a MR 17 and 27 caught 2 - 24 inch Specks and together we had many more quality Specks.

We also had 2 Puppy Drum (25 and 28 inches) and 2 Stripers (one was 25 inches). The bite stopped when the wind picked up and changed direction. We got off the water at 2:30 pm. Thanks Bert for a great day. - Ned Smith



17 DEC: I left Rudee at 7:10 am to fish the Triangle Wrecks on a nice Sunday. I was fishing the sub cables at 8:00 am and also fished the Cuyahoga and a landing craft. I caught 8 Flounder 21-26 inches and 24 Black Sea Bass from 15 -19 inches throwing back all shorter fish less than 15 inches. I also caught 2 Bluefish 32 inches. They were all caught on bucktails. We were fishing in a 26 Regulator w/42 MPH cruise speed. I left the triangles at 2:10 pm, was back in Rudee Inlet at 3:00 pm.

- Mike Delbridge







2 DEC: I went Speckled Trout fishing with Taylor Lyne & his son Tyler into Lynhaven on his boat. We caught some quality Speckled Trout using Mr20 Mirrolures. The pic is of our 2 largest specs which were over 24" long. ➔



17 DEC: I fished with Bert Sainz and Bert Whitt in the Lynhaven. We caught 2 Pups and 6 Speckled Trout on MR 27 Mirrolures

- Louis Glaser

1 DEC: I fished on Bert Sainz's Boat with Taylor Lyne in the Lynhaven for Speckled Trout. It was extremely windy but we managed to catch quality Speckled Trout using Mr20 Mirrolures. The largest was 23 3/4 inches and the water temperature was 54 1/2 degrees.




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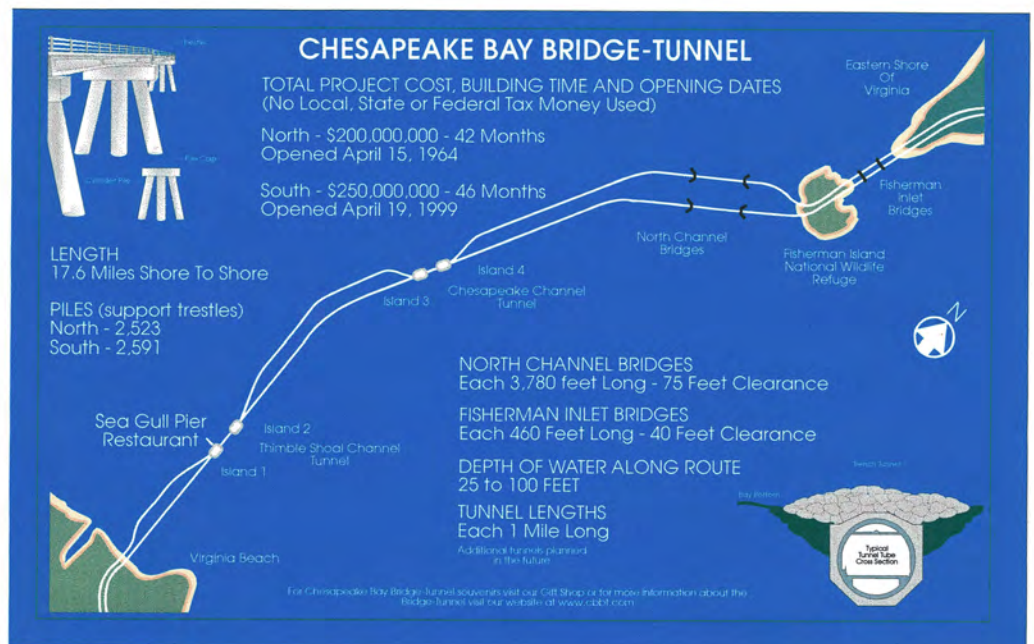
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3 DEC: I took Rob Slaton and Kevin McDermid Tautog fishing on Magic Carpet. We had blue and green crabs for bait. We worked the CBBT Islands pretty hard but only managed to get 2 barely keeper Tautog and one decent 18 inch. We did have a few shorts and a lot of bait stolen. We had a great time and hope to do more fishing next year.

4 DEC: Rob, Kevin, and I were joined by Kevin's dad Ken McDermid, again we using blue and green crabs. We mainly worked the 3rd Island but managed only 1 keeper 19" Tautog. We also had a toad-fish bite this day to rival any I'd seen. I caught one that had to be 5 pounds. Rob caught so many he quit fishing! Kevin and Ken were on them thick too. We stopped fishing early because people had appointments in the afternoon.



### Burial at Sea

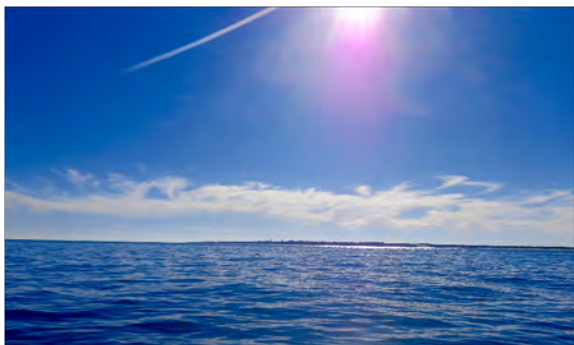
Seven years ago this month one of my best friends (John Carmone) died an early death while I was deployed. His dying wish was to be buried at sea where he spent much of his spare time fishing (a lot of it with me and his sons Kevin and Kyle) Virginia's inshore and offshore waters. He was a life long fisherman and one of the most generous people I have known.

It was an honor when I was asked to take his brothers Danny and Randy along with his ashes to his final resting place. We took him to the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay where he found peace and adventure on so many occasions.

Rest in peace my friend!



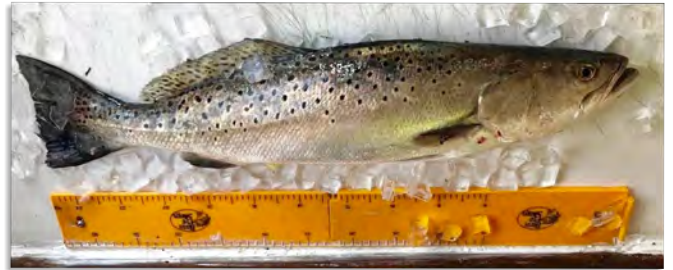
Mike Hubert



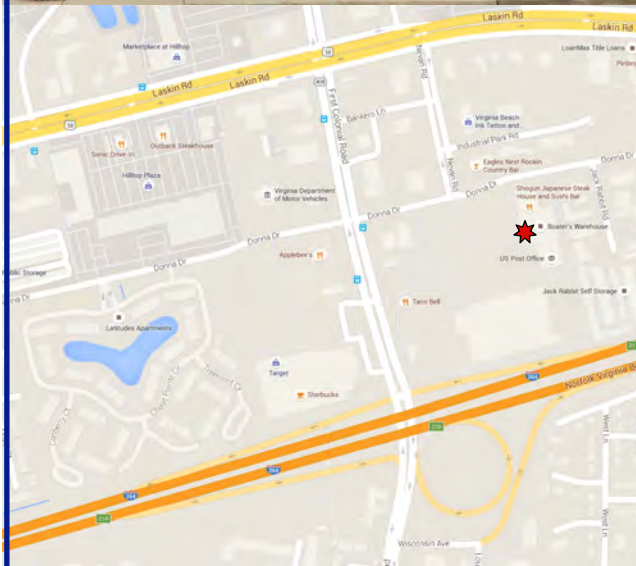
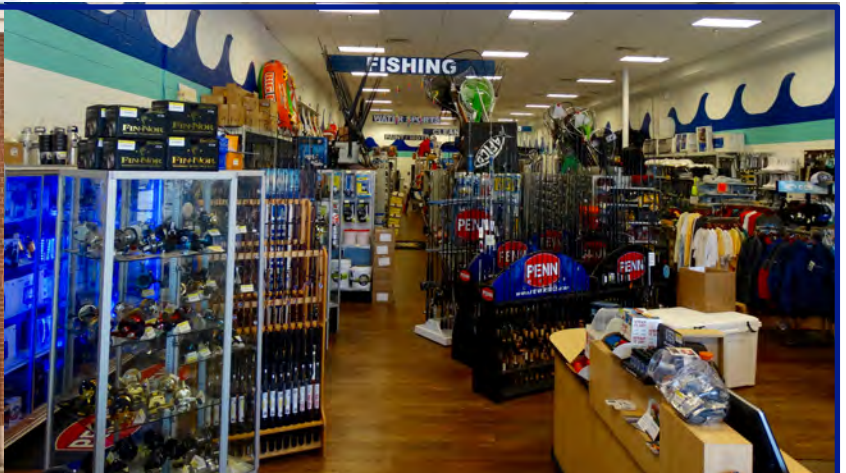




4 DEC: My boat broke, steering failure. I finished from shore today and got another citation!



16 DEC: My boat is still broke. I'm fishing from the docks from shore. I had two keepers out of three Puppies. Bait was Jig head with Gulp. Speckled Trout Fishing has been the best I've seen in Lynnhaven. - Jimmy Robinson



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17 DEC: Henry Troutner took Mike Hubert, Greg Rogers, and Ray Cook to the Triangle Wrecks for Black Sea Bass fishing. We met at East Beach Marine at 6:45 am, prepped the boat and were underway at about 7:00 am. We stopped at the Brass Spike first



and caught a few keepers. Henry boated a nice 20" Knot Head there and Ray landed a 25" Red Fish too. Fishing got slow there so we went to the Lukenbach Wreck. We caught a few but it was slow there too. Moving on we wound up at Haviland Wreck where action was good until we had to leave at 3:00 pm. All told we had 28 Black Seabass, one Red Fish and 2 short Flounder throw backs. - Mike Hubert



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22 DEC: I fished with Bert Sainz and his friend Mike in the Lynnhaven. We caught 10 Keeper Trout and 2 Puppy Drum. We used Mr27 & Mr17 Mirrolures. The water temperature was 46 degrees. - Louis Glaser



Despite spending the majority of the last few months at sea, I have been pretty lucky every time I did go fishing since my return to land. Unfortunately, I will deploy very soon.

## Venice, LA



I took a quick 5 day vacation to New Orleans, LA and booked a Tuna Trip with Voo Doo Charters out of Venice, LA. Venice is known as one of the few places in the US where they can effectively target Yellowfin Tuna year round. Luckily for me, winter is consider the trophy season and I wanted to make this window of opportunity count.

The trip started out with a 50 mile transit to the outer oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico. It is about 25 miles just to leave the Mississippi Delta. The area was super foggy with maybe 30 feet of visibility. Nevertheless, the Captain took us down the river at 45 knots in a 39' See Vee. Most of the Tuna Charter Fleet use large center consoles to maximize angler mobility. We started off trying to mark fish and then moved on to getting bait. Bait was bycatch from the shrimp boats. Between getting bait and getting to the first oil rig we planned



to fish, we encountered schools of Menhaden being busted on top by King Mackerel, Jacks, Sharks, Bonito, and some Tuna. I threw a large popper with the topwater rod and landed several Jacks, 1 King Mackerel, and a large Shark. We struggled most of the day to avoid Jacks. We loaded the livewell with Menhaden by using baskets because they forgot the cast net. Since the Menhaden was so thick on the surface, it didn't matter!

After fishing 2 rigs, we finally found a rig holding some Tuna. The Captain marks the fish and throws about a dozen or so live Menhaden on top along with 2 hooked Menhaden. On the second pass, we hooked a Tuna. The fight went on for about 30 minutes and the fish got tail-wrapped. It was a large fish in the 130 pound class. The second Tuna hooked got off when the leader snapped. We had to use 60# fluorocarbon leaders to even get bites due to water clarity. On our last drift, we pulled in one live bait and was about to pull in the other when the final fish hit. After 1 hour 26 minutes and 5 serious runs where the fish pulled line for over a minute at a time, I landed my first big Yellowfin Tuna.

Our final haul was 2 Tuna in the 130 pound class and 4 King Mackerel in the 25-35# range.

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## South Carolina Black Sea Bass

I went back home to my parent's place in South Carolina and went Black Sea Bass fishing in my friend's 24' center console. After reaching the reef at 20 miles out, we carefully anchored the boat over our structure of choice - a sunken tug boat.



As expected, the Black Sea Bass were eagerly biting. One out of every five fish was a keeper. We managed 17 keepers before I decided that everyone else getting seasick was probably a sign that we need to head closer to shore. We are allowed 7 fish per person over 13 inches.

## Stock Trout Surprise

After realizing that my trout stamp from last season didn't expire until the 27th of Jan 2018, I had to go fishing on Christmas Day. I wandered over to Northwest River Park with my 2 usual outfits - light spinning outfit with a 3 inch minnow plug and an ultralight rigged with a slip sinker rig and a Berkley



Powerbait Egg. After 2 hours of casting around, I hooked up the biggest trout in my life. After 2 minutes of chasing it along the shoreline, another angler got it in the net for me. We weighed it with a digital scale and it came to 8.6 pounds. I had a dinner to go to and was too lazy to clean it later. I was able to successfully revive it for someone else to catch.  
- Brian Tsai



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29 Dec: With 21 degree temps at the boat ramp and iced up deck rails at our destination, there was more than one occasion each of us thought we were crazy. Arriving at the Ocean Venture wreck (55 nm offshore) we were pleased to find another boat fishing and were soon joined by two others. We weren't the only crazy ones out there. Seas were not as forecasted and conditions worsened during the day.

We had Kevin, Beth, and Katie Synowiec, as well as, Mike Hubert aboard for a Black Sea Bass and Golden Tilefishing trip. Katie was bundled up (as we all were) and landed the first set of Sea Bass doubles. All undersized Sea Bass were tagged for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program and released at depth with the SeaQualizer Release Mechanism.

We used combinations of cut bait and squid on bottom rigs



Katie Synowiec pulling a double Sea Bass hook-up



Mike Hubert working the icy rail and Sea Bass at the surface



Undersized Sea Bass tagged for the VGFTP and ready for release with the SeaQualizer Release Mechanism on the next drop



32" Bluefish



and jigging to land 37 Black Sea Bass. We also landed 2 nice Bluefish (one 32 inches), a pair of Flounder and Mike Hubert brought in a set of double Gray Trigger Fish. One of the Flounder took a predatory hit on the way up but still made the legal size cut and offered a few fillets. The Golden Tilefish grounds were a bit disappointing as the Spiny Dogfish Sharks were in abundance. No Golden Tilefish this trip but we released one Blueline Tilefish (Closed Season).

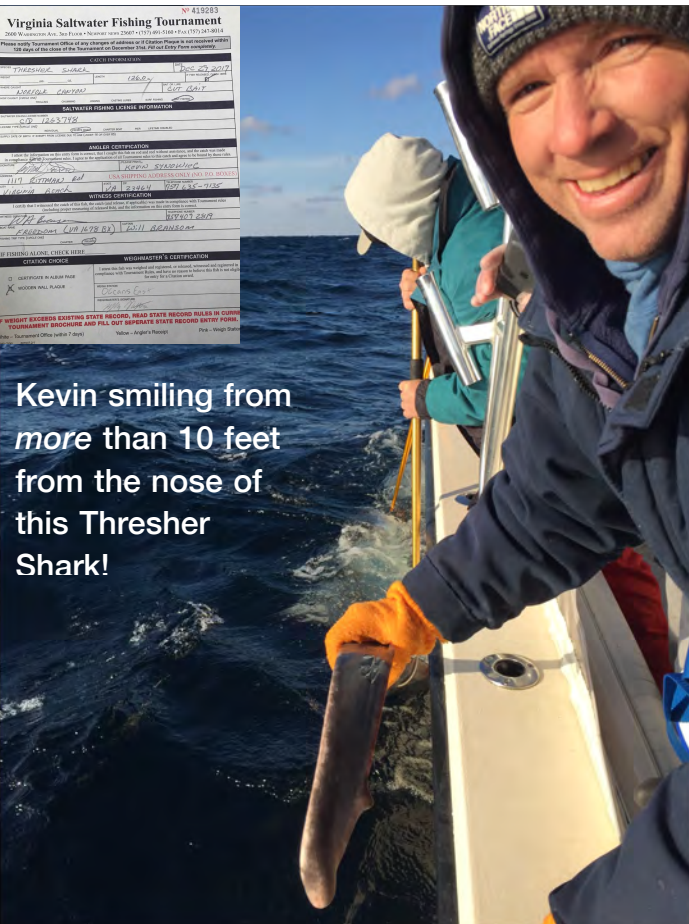
Then Kevin hooked into something BIG and after a 1 1/2 hour fight was able to bring his Thresher Shark alongside for a release citation under the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Program. We were able to hold the shark alongside with capped gaffs while we measured and revived the shark before releasing it. It measured in at 10 feet 6 inches from nose to tail!

Many Thanks to Mike Hubert for helping with the boat and giving me a bit of relief at the helm. Though the weather wasn't as nice as we'd hoped, it was a good day to be fishing with my fellow Norfolk Anglers!

- Will Bransom



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<b>ANGLER IDENTIFICATION</b> ID: _____	
<b>ANGLER CERTIFICATION</b> I hereby certify that I am the angler who has fished this tournament and that I am the owner of the vessel in which I have fished. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament. I agree to release any fish that I catch that are not legal to keep. I agree to release any fish that I catch that are not legal to keep. I agree to release any fish that I catch that are not legal to keep.	
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Kevin smiling from more than 10 feet from the nose of this Thresher Shark!





# Sea Tow Stuff-a-Boat Drive 2017



Our 3rd Annual Sea Tow Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive for 2017 was a huge success. With all the outstanding support of the Local Angler Clubs and Local Businesses we were able to collect over 1,440 Toys this year.

On Dec 15, the Local Angler Clubs arrived at the Sea Tow office to stuff the boat with toys and enjoy donuts and hot apple cider. What a wonderful feeling to see that Sea Tow boat and truck overflowing with toys. Not to mention that we also had 15 new bikes this year.

The Marines arrived we enjoyed pizza followed by a photo shoot. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program here in Hampton Roads arrived with a huge box truck and we filled it up!! They headed back to the distribution center in Kempsville where they sorted out all 1440 of the toys by age for distribution. Again, Thank you all for your continued support in helping make this event a huge success. This is most definitely a team effort event.

Happy New Year to all.  
Ed and Karen Schrader







*The above picture is Norfolk Anglers Club Members who helped Sea Tow Hampton Roads Stuff-a-Boat! Thanks*

*The below picture is folks from Angler Clubs in the Hampton Roads area who helped Sea Tow Hampton Roads Stuff-a-Boat!*





# NAC 2017 Holiday Party

We had a very nice time at our Holiday Party on 11 DEC 2017 at Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill! The Club provided trays of food made by Teppanyaki. We enjoyed wings, beef with veggies, chicken with broccoli and egg rolls; the food went fast, especially the wings! Henry Trountr was the master of ceremonies, he guided everyone through a Holiday Gift Exchange which was quite fun. Everyone had a great time visiting, you could hear laughter everywhere. N'Tune provided us with some nice Holiday Music, thanks Kevin! Thanks to Karen Schrader for providing the beautiful Poinsettias. Also thanks to Mike Hubert, Karen Schrader, Sam Justice and Wendy Bransom for setting up for the event plus cleaning up afterwards (we had a lot of folks helping with the clean up, THANKS!) Check out all the pictures, they'll better describe all the action and fun!



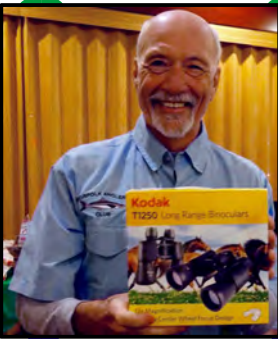
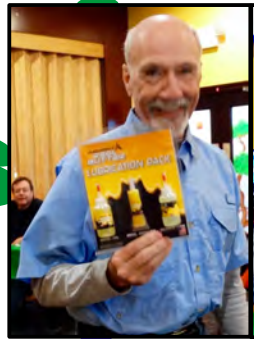
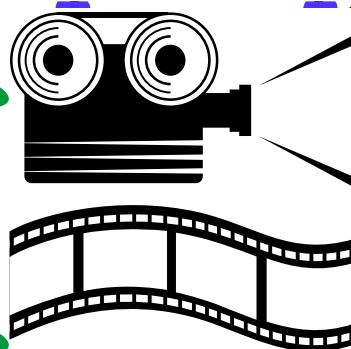








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# Ocean View Recreation Center Cleanup



Not pictured: Alex Perez, "AJ" Perez, Ned Smith, and Wendy Bransom (Photographer)

Who says it doesn't pay to be a member of the Norfolk Anglers Club? We cleaned up the Ocean View Recreation Center grounds and shoreline on December 2, 2017 morning. Nineteen NAC members took to the grounds cleaning up the shoreline, fishing pier, playgrounds, and ball field. Maddie found a \$1 while picking up trash, she'll probably be back the next time we clean the area looking for more treasure! While Wendy worked around the cookout shelters, crews worked the shoreline and pier. Everyone else covered the other six acres of the Recreation Center grounds collecting enough trash and debris to nearly fill the dumpster. Many THANKS to the following members for volunteering an hour of their Saturday morning to making the OV Rec Center a cleaner and safer area for the children to play; "AJ" Perez, Alex Perez, Jerry Julian, Maddie O'Brien, Kaitlyn O'Brien, EJ O'Brien, Paul Harris, Ned Smith, Russell Willoughby, Greg Rogers, Kait Troutner, Mary Troutner, Henry Troutner, Mike Mancini, Marvin Chivers, Sam Justice, Mike Hubert, Wendy Bransom and Will Bransom.







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Possession Limit: **1** per person

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*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.*

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

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