

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue cap and a red life vest, is smiling and holding a large, dark-colored spade fish. The background shows a wooden pier over the ocean.

The Norfolk Anglers Club

WIREFLINE

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Catching SPADE

Written by: Beth and Kevin Synowiec

Knowing that my second favorite animal to visit in the zoo is the zebra, it would be no surprise that two of my favorite fish to catch in the bay are spades and sheephead, and yes ironically they both have stripes!

Spades and sheep have earned their respect with me because it amazes me the **fight** they put up in reference to their actual size. They bring serious game as well as good fare to the table in my opinion. So what are some tips to catching a few more spades at the CBBT? Fluorocarbon leaders? Hook size? Where to apply the split shots? I know I will be talking about sheephead at the next NAC meeting, but have no problem throwing a few spade tips in there as well in the meantime..

Here is my June 30th fishing report.....

June 30, 2014 Katie, Kevin, and I headed out to the CBBT in search of 2 things: spade fish and sheep. We arrived at the piling area and scouted a few sets and were lucky enough to find hungry spades schooling. We were ready to accommodate this need with fresh chowder clams on board and rigs I had made the night before. It had been **years** since I took the time to really target these critters exclusively and so I wanted to be prepared when I did find them. I reviewed some tips with Katie and we had some nice two fers going on within a few minutes of us arriving to the scene of the crime. **ZZZZZ** my reel starts humming, fish is pulling drag, and can't help but smile when that happens... Katie soon joined in on the fun and then Kevin. We caught more than limit and threw back some to. Size was decent compared to a lot of the smaller spades I usually see at the CBBT areas, so I was very happy. But something, we spotted made me even happier and more excited. **A sheephead was feeding on a nearby piling during our search for spades.** Kevin and I were both ready for him, and both put our lines down in search of this fish that soon **pummeled** down the piling and disappeared. Within a few minutes, I was able to lure him and I had him on my line. **That was 11 lb's and 4 ounces of pure joy in the fish box.**

I would like to invite you all to the next NAC Monday (July 14, 2014) where Kevin and I would like to share a few tips that we have learned while fishing for these mighty fine tasting, tackle testing, bait stealing, "convict" fish. **Please join me at our next Meeting on July 14th :o)**
Hope to see you there!

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Meet Beth and Kevin Synowiec
Finao Sportsfishing

Monday, June 14th, 7pm

Topic: Spade and Sheephead

Location: Teppanyaki Buffet
7525 Tidewater Dr Norfolk, VA 23505



Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel FLOUNDER FISHING

Written by: William Bransom

Louis, Dr. Ike, and I headed out on Louis' 19' Carolina Skiff at the end of June for two days of Flounder fishing.

Fishing along the CBBT pilings and Islands we primarily used the bottom rigs Louis discussed at the May meeting. Our bait was Flounder belly & filleted Croaker and primarily baited to a 4/0 Kahle hook though, we also used a 2 oz Jig Head. Each of the two days we caught our limit of Flounder and managed to pick up a Trigger fish along the way.

Flounder on the first day averaged between 16-20 inches and the second day 16-25 inches with a couple 4 1/2 to 5 lbs.



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