

Remember to Spring Forward Sunday March 13

THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB WARCH 2016



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March 14th meeting at Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet

Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

We've got another fantastic speaker lined up for the March meeting with Mark Lozier joining us to talk on Red Drum and Puppy Drum fishing.

Remember to wear your Norfolk Anglers Club Shirt to the meeting and get a ticket for the evening's raffle. We're also continuing our collection of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Bring an item or two and you'll also get a raffle ticket. Food drives aren't just for the holiday season - the Norfolk Anglers collect needed items year round.

Next meeting is at the Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill. As always, it's your choice to dine or not at the restaurant. Either way, just let the hostess know you're attending our meeting and join us in their Banquet Room.

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MEETING

Guest Speaker : Mark Lozier on Red Drum/Puppy Drum Fishing

With spring approaching it means the Dogwoods will soon be in bloom and that signals Red Drum season has begun!



Mark Lozier of *1st Landing Kayak Fishing Services* is joining us to share more than 20 years of experience fishing Hampton Roads waters. Specializing in light tackle fishing for Speckled Trout, Red Drum, and Flounder, Mark's presentation is a great way to prepare for the Red Drum & Puppy Drum season.



Important: Date of next meeting - Monday, March 14th at 7pm

Location: <u>Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet</u> 7525 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23505

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Our annual Awards Banquet was held on 6 FEB 2016 at the Aberdeen Barn & Steakhouse. NAC Members and Guests enjoyed fresh carved Roast Beef and other entrees with rice, potatoes, vegetables and a great selection of deserts. We recognized Club Members who had notable catches during the 2015 Fishing Season! We also had individual raffles which many of our members and guests won some very nice items. A special thanks goes out to Tom Hubert and Will Bransom for setting up the event and also all the members who brought items for the raffle and helped with setup/cleanup!

2015 Youth Angler Award Gray Trigerfish



Clara Synowiec

2015 Freshwater Angler of the Year, Blue Catfish, Crappie & Yellow Perch 2015 Overall Saltwater, Keep & Release Angler of the Year, Bluefish, Tautog. Release: Blue Shark, Bluefish, Cobia, Red Drum, Sand Tiger Shark, Sheepshead & Tautog

2015 Sea Tow Winner



Beth Synowiec

Blueline Tilefish, Release: Blue

Russell Willoughby

Black Sea Bass, Gray Triggerfish & Sheepshead



Steve Harding



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Blue Marlin Release & Wahoo

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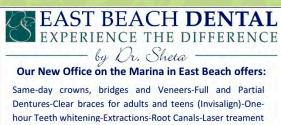












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We very much appreciate the Beautiful piece of art donated by Captain Josh Jordon for our Banquet Raffle. Michel Smith was the lucky one to win this piece. Below is a interesting bio of Captain Jordan and his Artist Statement.

Captain Josh Jordan was born and raised in Poquoson, Virginia where the outdoors captured his attention at a very young age. His passion for hunting and fishing grew quickly. Some of his favorite memories of his childhood are of the time spent with his father duck hunting in the marshes and the times he spent fishing and crabbing with his grandfathers'. After graduating from Poquoson High School as a student in the Advanced Art Program, he received several scholarships for his artistic abilities, and was accepted into Randolph Macon College. As a freshman, he quickly became a standout student in the Art Program, and was later given the nickname of "the Captain" by his Kappa Sigma Fraternity Brothers for his ability to command the attention of others and always bringing up fishing. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Studio Art and Art History, his love of being on the water led him to pursue his Captain's License. Years later his passion of drawing eventually resurfaced and in 2011 he produced nearly two dozen original pieces of artwork and quickly gained the attention of Virginia's saltwater fishing community. Captain Jordan Studio was formed soon after and is owned and operated out of Poquoson, Virginia by Captain Josh Jordan and his loving wife, Courtney. Since then he has sold his artwork all over the East coast. He designs one of a kind T-shirt logos for charter boat captains, tournaments, and tackle companies and is selling his fine art originals and prints to fisherman from New Jersey to the Florida Keys.

Artist statement:

"For me, the challenge of creating the world below the waves drives my passion to create original works of art, which reflect the beautiful world these fish live in. My inspiration often comes from my own fishing trips. I have been known to take a pen onboard and sketch out a quick idea for a new piece. I pour myself into my work and never settle for less then what I feel I am capable of producing. I hope that everyone is able enjoy my artwork as much as I enjoy creating it. For more information on where you can view or purchase my works of art please email me or feel free to give me a call directly."

Captain Josh Jordan Captain Jordan Studio Owner/Artist/Designer (757)880-8697 Captjordanstudio@gmail.com



You can see more of Captain Josh Jordan's artwork on display and for sale at the Poquoson Boating & Fishing Flea Market; Saturday March 12th





Ice Fishing 13-14 February: I embarked on my annual ice fishing trip to western Pennsylvania on the 13th and 14th of February 2016. On Saturday the 13th, the temperature was hovering around 5F with the wind blowing NW at 15-20 MPH, making the temperature with the wind chill -15F to -20F on the open ice. We decided it was too cold even for us ice fishing diehards so we did not go on Saturday and went out to check the coyote traps instead. On Sunday the temperature was a balmy 19F and we took to the ice. I was joined by my cousin Scott Abbruscato and old fishing buddies Bret "Benny" Benedusi and Greg "Spider" McCurdy.



ANOTHER PIKE BEING LANDED



SPIDER WITH THE BIGGEST PIKE FOR THE DAY



PIKE RETRIEVER



SPIDER WITH THE BIGGEST SMALLMOUTH FOR THE DAY

We hit the ice at Yellow Creek Lake state park at 8:00 AM and by 8:30 all holes were drilled and tip ups were set. We had a good 10" of clear ice and the fishing was decent. We caught a mixed bag of small crappie, bluegill, yellow perch, northern pike and smallmouth bass. The bait and equipment we were using for the pan fish were small shiners on 26" jigging rods with 4lb test tipped with a 1/16 oz. jig. For the bigger fish, we used large shiners on tip ups spooled with 15lb backing and a 5'-10' length of 8lb floruocarbon leader, one small spit shot to get the bait down fast and a #6 treble hook. The bigger fish of the day were the northern pike with three in the 30" range with the biggest measuring out at 34" and the biggest smallmouth was a nice 23" monster with an estimated weight of 4+ lbs all caught on the tip ups. I had numerous flags on my tip ups but nothing but a yellow perch and crushed shiners to show for my efforts.

NORTHERN PIKE

Around 1:30 PM the wind picked up and hunger set in so we called it a day. - Gary Waddell





23 February: On a trip to Tampa Fla. Sam and I went on a fishing trip chartered by my cousin Anne. The captain was Glen Taylor on a 27' Calcutta catamaran in Tampa Bay. We had a great time and Capt Glen was a great host and guide. The people on the boat were Sam, Mark Wilkins, Carson Duncan and I.





We were fishing for Grouper, Sheephead, Snapper and Grunt. We caught all of them but only kept a few Sheephead between 2 and 4 lbs and a hand full of Grunt about a lb each. The snapper and grouper were too small to keep. We caught everything on live shrimp. We had been hoping the spawning black drum would be there for some catch and release but no joy. They show up in Tampa bay on the first full moon in February which was about a week away. - Mike Hubert



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The closest I've come to fishing is pouring lead! What do you do on the coldest day of the year to keep warm?? Well, invite a few buddies over to melt lead of course! On the 13th we got together at my place to turn some leftover lead from the VA Beach Radiation Department upgrade into a well over a thousand bank, casting, in-line, egg and deep drop weights. Next up will the bucktail and jig casting. If anybody is interested in learning how to make their own weights or has access to lead but not the molds and equipment, feel free to give me a call, we have melting parties from time to time you can join in with. - Mike Grifith



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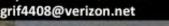


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20 February: Steve Harding and I took a fishing trip to North River, North Carolina on Steve's Boat. Nice trip with a lot of Crappie and Yellow Perch. We drifted and slow trolled the North River in a very remote area. Using 1/16 and



1/8 oz jigheads under bobbers and on bottom, the jigheads were dressed with soft swimbaits (baby shads, green seems to be best) Small live gudgeons hooked thru lips necessary also. Fish did not bite good until about 11am after the sun had risen and the clouds had parted. Winter FW fishing! - Russell Willoughby



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23 February: I went Crappie fishing with John Brown behind his house on the Great Neck Lake. JB said the



lake is about four to five feet deep in most places. The temperature was in the high fourty's with rain, sometimes heavy at times. Bait of choice was medium shiners on a tiny jig head and rubber bait. Generally, we slow trolled with five 16-foot poles hanging out the side and back. While we only caught seven Crappie, all were large (13 to 15 1/4 inches). We also picked up seven Pickerel and two Bass (one was about 2.5 pounds). - Ned Smith

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Fishing Tips....

Anchoring around Pilings: Kevin Synowiec

The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel is a 17.6-mile concrete structure with nearly 5000 concrete pilings and four man-made islands spanning the Chesapeake Bay and connecting northern Virginia Beach to the Eastern Shore. It's a man-made stone reef which attracts hundreds of species of fish year round. In short, it's a fisherman's dream.

Most fisherman already know there are so many places to fish at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, you never know exactly what you may catch. Whether you are trolling for stripers on the tubes, sight casting for Cobia on the pilings, drifting in and out of the pilings for flounder, or anchoring near the pilings for trigger and spade and sheepshead and spot and croaker, let's face it, there is always a fish to catch.





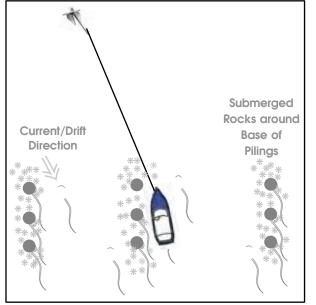
The four islands of the Bridge-Tunnel are manmade from heavy rip rap stones shipped in on barges and placed strategically to support the entrances of the tunnel. Those rocks provide excellent hiding places and feeding grounds for thousands of fish. Rocks have also been placed at the base of each piling to prevent wash-out from all the current running in and out due the rising and falling tides twice a day.

Many of us want to target the fish feeding at or very near the pilings. However, tying your boat directly to the pilings is illegal. Placing your boat safely and strategically very near the pilings can be a bit of a challenge. It's not easy, but with enough practice, anchoring properly can turn a fishing day into a fantastic day of catching. This is how I do it.

When I need to anchor near the pilings I use a Danforth or a Fluke anchor. This is a legal way to anchor. I want to get my boat safely near the pilings so that I can fish for sheepshead, tautog, spades and gray triggerfish.

When I am preparing to anchor, I place my boat in a safe area and I put my engine in neutral. I wait a few seconds for the boat to stop then a few minutes more for the boat to drift. I watch my GPS trail to determine which direction the boat is moving in the wind and current.

Once I establish which direction the boat is drifting, I have a better understanding of how the boat will rest when it's securely anchored. Next, I choose where I want to fish then I will drive the boat away from my piling and towards the current or wind; generally in the same drift line my GPS identified. I drop my anchor straight down about 200 feet away from the pilings depending on how fast the current is driving, and allow the boat to drift backwards taking into consideration that my anchor will not drop straight to the bottom, instead it will travel in the direction of the current while it is descending to the sandy bottom. I am not anchoring in the rocks.



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Fishing Tips....

The chain on my anchor is half-inch galvanized steel 11 feet long and I always keep enough anchor line in the boat so that I can let the anchor out very far. The further my anchor is away from the boat, the better chance the anchor will not slip in the mucky and sandy bottom I am constantly paying attention to which direction I am drifting because I am drifting towards the pilings and the pilings are not going to move. When I believe the anchor is resting at the bottom, I slowly put my engine in gear to slow down the boat. Then I put my engine in and out of gear until I am certain the anchor is holding in one position. Once I establish that my boat is safe and it is not going to drag the anchor, I slowly let out more anchor line to drift my boat back towards the pilings. If my boat is positioned directly in between



two sets of pilings, I may have to pull the anchor and try again. If I'm within 4 or 5 feet of the pilings, I can turn my engine left or right in order to rudder my boat towards the pilings. Once I am anchored and in a safe area where I want to fish, I turn off my engine.



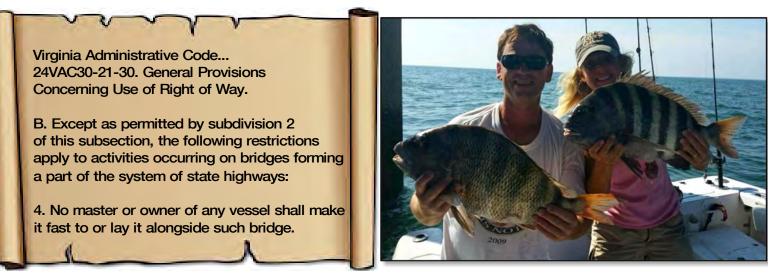
Things to note. If I am in deep water at the pilings, for example 50 to 60 feet of water, I need to let out maybe 200 feet or more of line. If I drop my anchor too close to the direction of the pilings that I am drifting, the anchor will slip and I have a potential of dragging the anchor and putting my boat in danger. If the conditions are choppy and appear dangerous, its too dangerous to fish near the concrete pilings. Find a different target.

We have fishing trips when we need to anchor more than three times. This happens especially at slack tide.

Once I am anchored and in a safe area where I want to fish, I turn off my engine.

When I am fishing at the islands over the tunnels or close to the rocks, I use a wreck anchor to ensure I do not lose my anchor in the rocks and I am able to safely pull it up when I'm ready to leave.

As with all fishing and boating, common sense plays a huge role. Be smart and be safe.





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. Make your reservation soon as they'll fill up quickly as July approaches!

As of February 29th:

Hampton Bass Pro Shops: Saturday, March 5th 9:15am-5:30pm (1 Day) FULL with Wait List

Virginia Beach Rescue Station 14: Saturday, March 6 9:00am-5:00pm 8 of 20 Seats OPEN

Virginia Beach Rescue Station 14: Saturday, March 12 8:00am-4:00pm FULL with Wait List

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 22 of 25 Seats OPEN

Hampton Bass Pro Shops: Saturday, March 19th 9:00am-5:00pm (1 Day) FULL with Wait List

<u>Virginia Beach Fleet Reserve Assoc.</u>: Monday March 21st & Monday March 28th 6:00pm-10:00pm (2 Evenings) 25 of 25 Seats OPEN

***Cost for Materials \$35

- <u>Chesapeake Towne Bank Conference Room:</u> Saturday, March 26th 8:00am-5:00pm 18 of 25 Seats OPEN ***Cost for Materials \$35 or \$50 for family members sharing materials
- <u>Virginia Beach Cox High School Rm122:</u> Tuesday, April 5th Plus 5 Evenings 7:00pm-9:00pm 25 of 25 Seats OPEN ***Course taught by US Power Squadron cost is \$25 for materials

Virginia Beach Rescue Station 14: Saturday, April 9th 8:00am-4:00pm 8 of 20 Seats OPEN

Hampton Bass Pro Shops: Saturday, April 9th 9:15am-5:30pm (1 Day) 8 of 25 Seats OPEN

Great Bridge Fishing Flea Market: Saturday March 5th



The GBFA will host their 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).





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.*

ASMFC Approves Regional Management for 2016: Flounder and Black Sea Bass



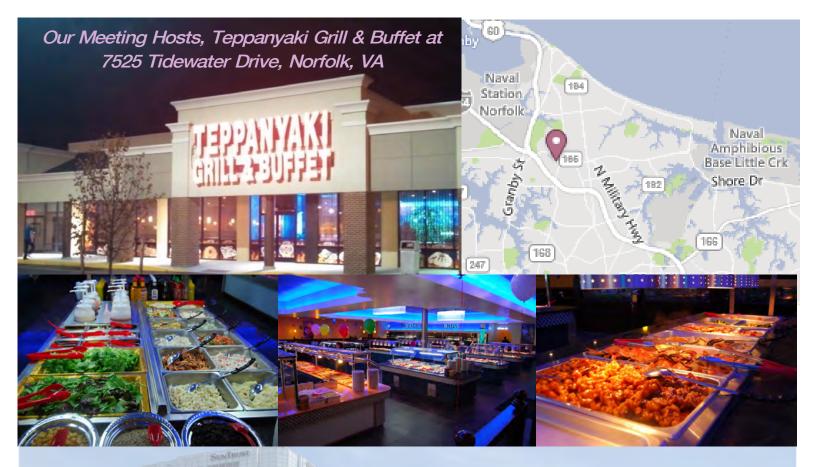
Feb 4, 2016: The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) approved Addendum XXVII to the Summer Flounder & Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP). For the Summer Flounder fishery the approved management regions are RI, MA, {CT-NY}, NJ, {DE-MD-VA}, NC. Also approved was a management region for the New Jersey Delaware Bay area.

For Black Sea Bass; the ASMFC approved the continuation of regional management measures for the northern (MA-NJ) and southern regions (DE-NC). This regional management approach was been used since 2011 and offers some advantages over coastwide regulations. The northern region will reduce their 2016 harvest by 23% to achieve the recreational harvest limit and will finalize their management measures this spring. States in the southern region (Virginia) will implement measures consistent with federal regulations (currently 12.5in minimum size, possession limit of 15 fish, and a season May 15- Sept 21 and Oct 22 - Dec 31).

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.



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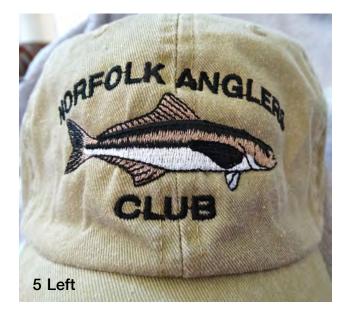
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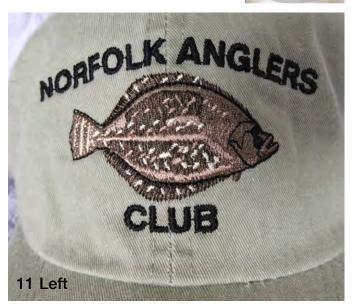
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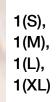


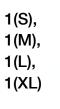












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