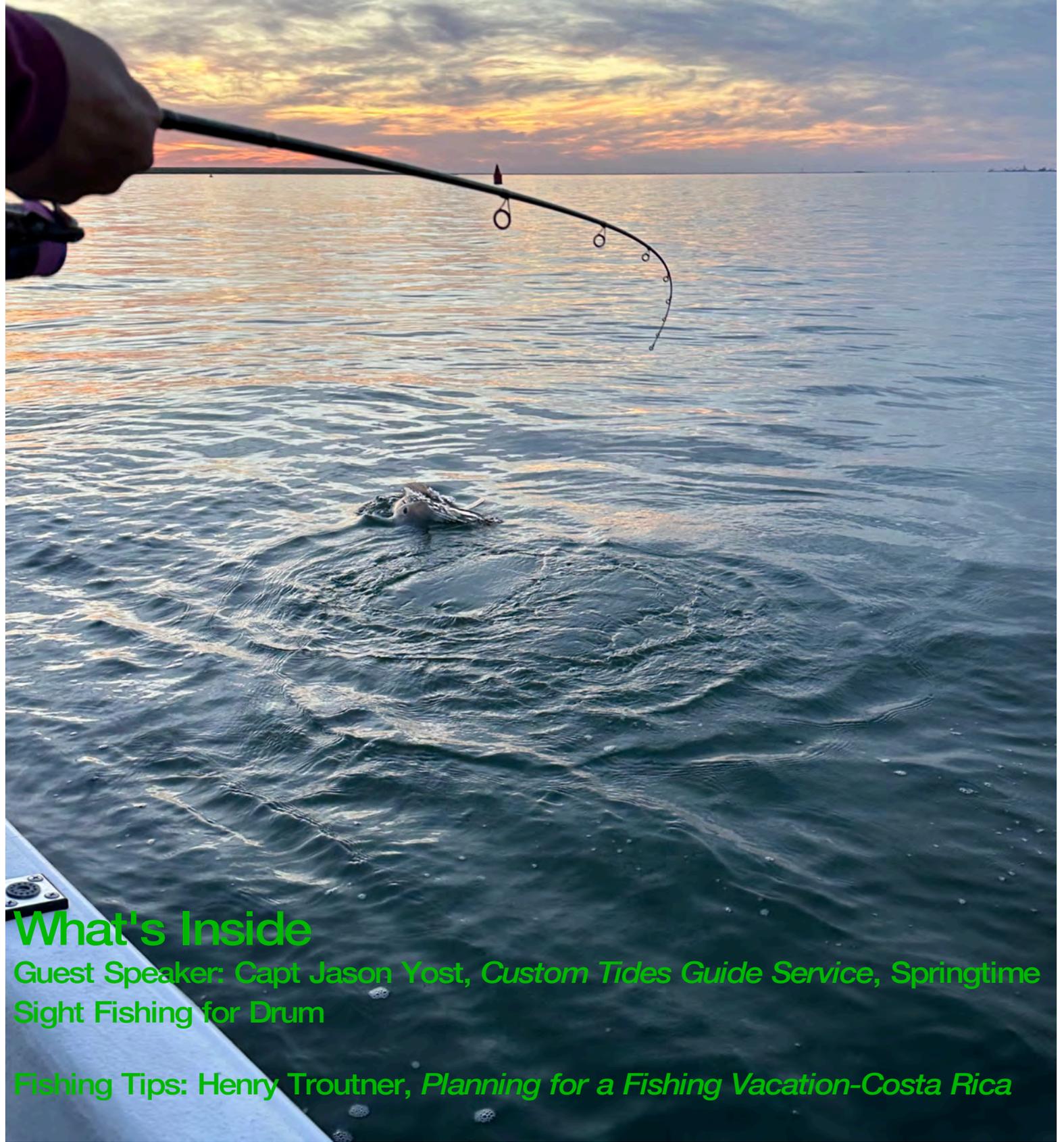


**THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB**

# **WIRELINER**

**MARCH 2026**



## **What's Inside**

**Guest Speaker: Capt Jason Yost, *Custom Tides Guide Service*, Springtime Sight Fishing for Drum**

**Fishing Tips: Henry Troutner, *Planning for a Fishing Vacation-Costa Rica***

# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,  
We're pleased to Welcome Jeni & Casey Ohmsen and John Stout & Family to the Club. We enjoyed talking with you at the Boat Show and are looking forward to seeing you at our events and fishing with you.

We have two Fishing Flea Markets this month to check out. The first one is on Saturday March 7th at the Virginia Beach Field House (2020 Landstown Centre Way, VB 23456) from 8:00am to 2:30pm. The Second is on Saturday March 14th at the Poquoson High School (51 Odd Rd, Poquoson 23662) from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Our next big Members's event is our annual awards banquet. As in past years we're being hosted by the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club on March 21st. This is a members only and their invited guests event. Tickets (\$35 per person) are available through our club website. [The deadline to sign up and pay is Friday March 6th.](#)

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## Meeting

Guest Speaker: Captain Jason Yost, *Custom Tides Guide Service*

We're happy to have Capt Jason Yost with Custom Tides Guide Service joining us to share his expertise early season sight fishing for drum. Custom Tides Guide Service specializes in inshore light tackle and fly fishing.



**Important:**  
**March 16th, 2026 at 7:00pm**  
**NAC Meeting at Boil Bay**  
**Seafood City, Norfolk,**

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## Club Calendar

### March

Sat, Mar 7th; Fishing Flea Market, Virginia Beach Field House,  
8:00am-2:30pm

Tue, Mar 10th; FinFish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC)  
Meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

Fri, Mar 13th; Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program Awards Event  
Bass Pro Shop, Hampton, Va at 7:30pm

Sat, Mar 14th; Kiwanis Poquoson Nautical Arts & Crafts Flea  
Market, Poquoson High School 8:00am-1:00pm

Mon, Mar 16th; Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting  
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

Sat, Mar 21st; Awards Banquet (Members Event)

Sat, Mar 28th; Oceans East Bait & Tackle, Home Waters Event

Tue, Mar 31st; Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

### April

Mon, Apr 20th; Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting  
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

Tue, Apr 21st; Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

# Thank You!



Our Boat Show Volunteers did a fantastic job representing the club!

Mike Hubert, Henry & Mary Troutner, Mike Davis, Jere & Jennifer Humphrey, Greg Rogers, Tom Hubert. Bert Sainz, Rich Califf, Wes Waters, Alex Perez, "Dickie" Harris, BJ Karwatt, Rich Como, Mike Reinhart, Jay Faszczewski, and "Buck" Buchanan

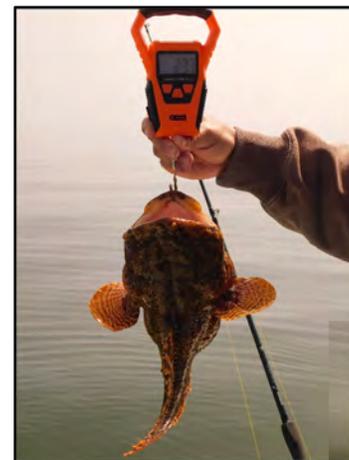
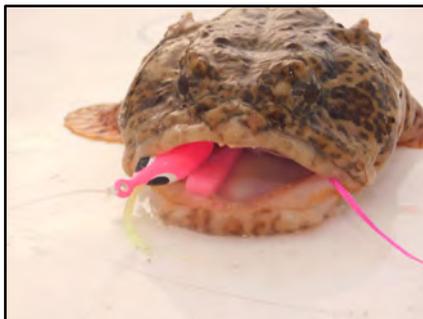
# Club Members Tournament for 2026



## Redfish "Spots" Tournament Rules



- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026
- 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](mailto: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, 2026 and December 31, 2026
- Awards determined by;
  1. Total Weight
  2. Date of catch
  3. Date of entry submission
- Entries submitted by email to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto: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



Alex "AJ" Perez, Jr.  
Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (TOTTD)



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# Virginia Charter Boat Workshop

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Saturday, **March 21**

*Featured speakers:* United States Coast Guard  
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
& MORE!

*Space limited, register for free:*

<https://forms.gle/V2b6ZesV7YJtr8Td7>

Questions? [susanna@vims.edu](mailto:susanna@vims.edu)



Do you run a charter boat, or have you ever thought about taking folks out fishing professionally? The annual Virginia Charter Boat Workshop will be March 21, 2026 at VIMS and is the perfect opportunity to make sure you are operating your business safely and are up to date with the latest fishery regulations.

Registration is open to anyone, but space is limited:

Questions? email [susanna@vims.edu](mailto:susanna@vims.edu)

Interested in club membership, visit our new [website](#) to find out more!

**The Kiwanis Club of Poquoson Presents**

# BOATING - FISHING

— Nautical Arts & Crafts —

## Flea Market

SAT MARCH 14, 2026

**Raffles  
Vendors  
Speakers  
Food  
& More**



**Poquoson High School  
8:00 am to 1:00 pm**



**Vendor Reservations and Tickets, Click [Here](#) or Scan!**

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For more info or for pickup of donated items, contact Rick Neff

**Poquoson Kiwanis Boating and Fishing Flea Market**

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# Norfolk Anglers Club

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## Fishing Tips...

### Planning for a Fishing Vacation - Costa Rica

Henry Troutner, Norfolk Anglers Club

You don't have to be an ultra-dedicated angler to plan an out of country fishing vacation. Henry Troutner shared with the club there's many options available domestically as well as internationally to enjoy a different class of fishing. Many of our Anglers have enjoyed taking a fishing vacation to North Carolina's Outer Banks, Cape Cod, Mexico, the Florida Keys, Bahamas, Alaska, and Central America. Each provide truly unique fishing opportunities and with a little planning can be surprisingly affordable.



While Hampton Roads was enjoying the Boat Show weekend and the winter storm, snow and ice, Henry and Mary Troutner had planned months in advance to enjoy the fishing on Costa Rica's Pacific coast. They shared that many of the fishing charter operations in Central America can be quite luxurious with an equally stunning cost, based on



a recommendation from a fellow Norfolk Angler they selected Quepos Fishing Adventure (QFA), for a 8 day/7night stay. Their 2026 fishing package included transportation to/from San Jose Airport (KSJO) About a 3 hour trip, Guest House in Manuel Antonio, 2 Offshore Fishing Days on a 31' or 32' vessel, 1 Inshore Fishing Day on a 28' vessel, Transportation to/from their Guest House to the Marina on fishing days, 2 Dinners hosted by a Private Chef at their Guest House for a total package price of \$6,700 (for up to 4 people) which equates to \$1675 per person. What's not included is roundtrip airfare, \$17 Costa Rica Fishing License, and Gratuity, which Henry explained was about \$180 per person when tipping for the exceptional service they received. Henry shared roundtrip airfare from Norfolk to San Jose (1 lay-over in Miami) was approximately \$550 for this trip and booking well in advance. He shared there are direct flights available but much more costly.



Traveling to Costa Rica Henry recommends to take advantage of the fishing opportunities during the Costa Rica "winter", which is to say it's warm pleasant year-round with great fishing while it's cold and miserable in Hampton Roads. Don't overpack and don't forget to bring the sunglasses, hat, and sunscreen. Their flights departed around 6:00am in Norfolk and arrived in Costa Rica around 1:30pm (time zone change). Getting through Customs can be time consuming so plan for it!



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# Fishing Tips...



There's a wide variety of fishing throughout the year but during the most appealing timeframe for a January or February trip, Blue Marlin, Black Marlin, Sailfish, Yellowfin Tuna, and Dorado (Mahi) are excellent targeted species (see Chart left). Henry shared that when making your reservations with Quepos Fishing Adventures to let them know if you have a preference on species but Pacific Sailfish are usually preferred by many. Pacific Sailfish are generally twice the size of Atlantic Sailfish. During their January 2026 trip they caught and released 13 Pacific Sailfish, 3 Mahi with one up to 67"!

Their Inshore fishing day began with a hour of catching 6-11" Moonfish for bait and trolling for Roosterfish. "Inshore fishing" is actually close to shore, just off the beach and breakers where you'll find the Roosterfish. They caught and released 11 Roosterfish 37" to 47" and a Tripletail. Henry shared, at times the fishing was just crazy, inshore & offshore, with Sailfish, Mahi, or Roosterfish crushing the trolled baits or attacking the spread.

When not fishing there's plenty of other things to do within walking distance in Manuel Antonio. There's the beach to explore, their National Park, and tours of other attractions to keep busy. Henry describes the area as a low profile tourist town with plenty restaurants and shops close by and friendly welcoming people. He added, the US Dollar is accepted everywhere as is the Costa Rica Colón.



Quepos, Costa Rica  
[queposfishadventure.com](http://queposfishadventure.com)



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# Angler Interests

## Special February Recreational Black Sea Bass Season Reporting Due



All recreational anglers (private and for-hire) targeting or catching black sea bass during the special February season need to complete their required post season reporting, even if you had the permit and did not fish.

You may meet your reporting requirements by utilizing the VA Saltwater Journal found at <https://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com>. The VA Saltwater Journal has a dedicated section for reporting for these mandatory species. You must also report your non-participation if you did not fish during their respective seasons.

## FinFish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) meets on March 10th



The FinFish Management Advisory Committee or FMAC is a volunteer group of recreational and commercial anglers appointed by the Commissioner to advise the Commission on the needs and utilization of the recreational and commercial finfish fisheries. Their next meeting is Tuesday, March 10th, from 5:00-7:00pm at the VMRC Offices 380 Fenwick Rd, Fort Monroe. The meeting will be livestreamed, visit the Marine Resources Commission for additional details on how to participate remotely. The agenda follows;

### AGENDA

- I. FMAC Welcome 5:00 PM
- II. Approval of Minutes from the August 28, 2025, Meeting 5:05 PM
- III. Recreational Black Sea Bass Season 5:10 PM
- IV. Speckled Trout Cold Stun 5:45 PM
- V. Striped Bass Temporary Quota Share Cap 6:05 PM
- VI. Commercial Amberjack and Spadefish Discussion 6:35 PM
- VII. Public comment for items not on the agenda 6:50 PM
- VIII. Adjourn 7:00 PM

## MAFMC - Recreational Tilefish Permit and Reporting Framework



Recreational fishermen fishing for golden and blueline tilefish north of the North Carolina/Virginia border are subject to special permitting and reporting requirements. These requirements were implemented in 2020 and are intended to improve the accuracy and reliability of recreational catch and effort estimates. However, since the mandatory

permitting and reporting requirements were implemented, angler reporting rates have been very low. A program evaluation conducted in 2024 highlighted a number of issues that have contributed to persistently low compliance and reporting rates. The evaluation highlighted the need for increased outreach as well as potential regulatory changes.

This framework will consider regulatory changes to simplify/streamline the reporting process. This could include removal of required data fields, elimination of the requirement to report effort-only trips (trips where no fish were caught or landed), modification of the trip report submission timeframe, and/or other regulatory changes to improve compliance and enhance the program's effectiveness. To review this framework visit the MAFMC website at: [www.mafmc.org/actions/rec-tilefish-reporting-fw](http://www.mafmc.org/actions/rec-tilefish-reporting-fw)



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