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A Message from the Editor

On behalf of the NAC Leadership Team, THANK YOU to our Awards Team who put together an outstanding banquet. Please see the results enclosed.

Spring is just around the corner and some of our favorite in-shore fish will be showing up. Offshore, the Tuna bite out of Hatteras has been good at times and the Spec bite has been favorable in the Hot Ditch.

Please see details on the up and coming Mid-Atlantic Saltwater Fishing Expo enclosed. See more at <http://midatlanticsaltwaterfishing.com/>

It has been a pleasure serving as NAC Wireline Editor for the past several years. However, I will be taking a badly needed break and with this issue, I will be stepping down as Editor and relinquishing it back to the Club to allow someone else to carry the tradition on from here! If you have an interest in Editor, please connect with President, John Brown.

So, check out the enclosed articles, reports and photos, then **Get out there and Get On 'Em!**

All the Best,

Captain Fletcher Dunton, USCG Lisc.
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What's Catchin



Inshore – Striped Bass, Tautog, Bluefish, Puppy Drum, Speckled Trout, Sea Bass and more.

Offshore Va. – Bluefish, Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna and more.

Offshore NC – Amberjack, Yellowfin Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna, Bluefish, King Mackerel, Mahi, Wahoo, & more

Deep Dropping – Sea Bass, Tilefish, Tautog, Wreckfish, Grouper, and more.

2012 CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES...

That time of year again folks! Membership dues for 2012 will be collected at our next club meeting. Note, ALL memberships expire 31 December, including those folks who joined the club any time during the 2011 calendar year. Membership cost for the year remains \$35 for families, \$30 for single. If you desire to mail your dues, you can do so at:

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~ Thank you, NAC Leadership Team



Norfolk Anglers Club Annual Awards Banquet - Summary (From President John Brown)

Norfolk Anglers Club celebrated its 2011 Awards Banquet on Wednesday, 06 February 2012. Congratulations to all of our adult and junior anglers for their exceptional 2011 fishing season. It is noteworthy that the Prize Fish Committee reviewed almost 90 individual citation entries from club members in determining our leading anglers in each individual fish species.

In particular, congratulations to the anglers below who earned our highest honor:

- **NAC Angler of the Year (Saltwater):** a points tie between Neal Taylor and Harry Hindmarsh.
- **NAC Angler of the Year (Freshwater):** Steve Harding.
- **Release Angler of the Year:** a points tie between Harry Hindmarsh and Beth Synowiec.
- **"Exceptional Catch" Anglers:** Neal Taylor with the state VSWFT leading Tautog for 2011, Harry Hindmarsh with a Tarpon and Ike Eisenhower with a Swordfish.





I also want to say **thank you** to our Events Coordinator, Tom Hubert, who spearheaded the Prize Fish/Banquet Committees again this year. Your volunteerism, time and effort is very much appreciated!

Again, congrats to all of our awardees and thanks to all who attended our 2011 Banquet.

~President, John Brown

Here's What's Coming . . .

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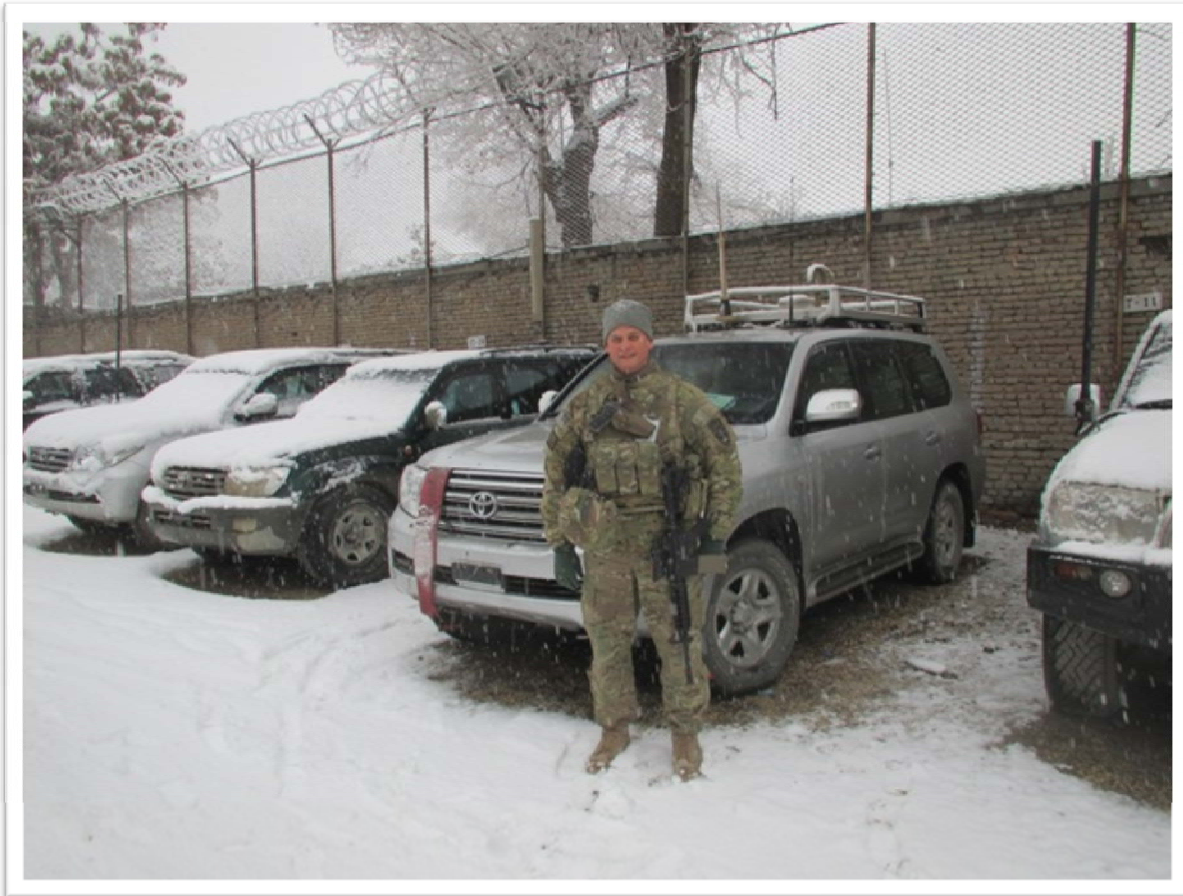


FISHING REPORT – Winter Bite From Afar

Report By: Captain Will Bransom

The bite has died out for the winter however, the spring fighting...I mean fishing season kicks into hit gear around the end of March or early April.

No significant catches lately, probably because of the freezing conditions and all the snow. We've trolled with all types of bait, MRAPs, Toyota Land Cruisers, F350 Pickups but nothing.

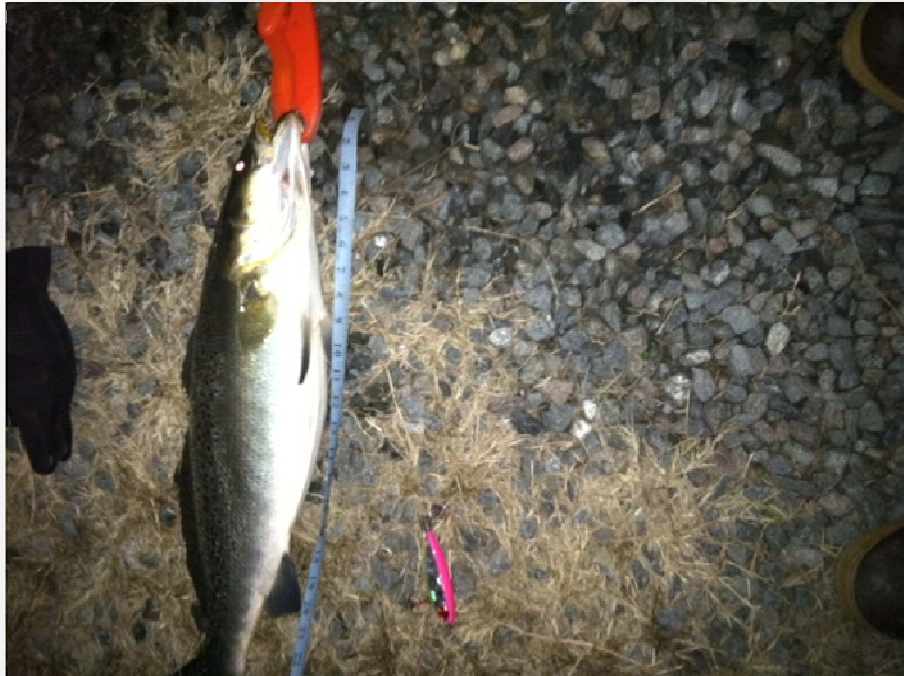


Lately there's been some bait balls sighted around some of the camps mostly protesting the recent incident at Bagram Air Base (10min flight/45 min drive).

All the best,
Will

FISHING REPORT – More Speckled Trout Citation(s) for James Robinson!!!

Report By: James Robinson



*NAC sends more **Hearty Congratulations** and Job Well Done to James Robinson, for this nice Speckled Trout Citation!!!*

any tournament office or any changes of address or if Citation Plaque is not received within 30 days of the close of the Tournament on December 31st. Fill out Entry Form completely.

CATCH INFORMATION			
SPECIE(S) <u>SPECKLED TROUT</u>		DATE <u>2-26-12</u>	
WEIGHT <u> </u> LB.	LENGTH <u>26</u> IN.	IF FISH RELEASED, CHECK HERE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
LOCATION <u>ELIZABETH RIVER</u>		BAIT OR LURE <u>LEAD</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> TROLLING	<input type="checkbox"/> CRUISING	<input type="checkbox"/> JOGGING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASTING LURE
<input type="checkbox"/> SURF FISHING			
<input type="checkbox"/> BAIT FISHING			
SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE INFORMATION			
TYPE OF LICENSE <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE BOAT <input type="checkbox"/> CHARTER BOAT <input type="checkbox"/> FIER <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE/AGE DISABLED			
IF EXEMPT FROM LICENSE DUE TO AGE (UNDER 16 OR OVER 65) <u>10/2/39</u>			
ANGLER CERTIFICATION			
I certify that the information on this entry form is correct, that I caught this fish on rod and reel without assistance, and the catch was made in compliance with all Tournament rules. I agree to the application of all Tournament rules to this catch and agree to be bound by these rules.			
NAME <u>James J (Jim) Robinson</u>		(PLEASE PRINT)	
USA SHIPPING ADDRESS ONLY (NO. P.O. BOXES)			
STATE <u>VA</u>	ZIP <u>23451</u>	TELEPHONE NUMBER <u>1476-0397</u>	
WITNESS CERTIFICATION			
I witnessed the catch of this fish, the catch (and release, if applicable) was made in compliance with Tournament rules (including proper measuring of released fish), and the information on this entry form is correct.			

CONGRATS, JAMES !!!

FISHING REPORT – January trip to Key West.

Report By: Dr. James "Ike" Eisenhower

Kathy and I went the Florida Keys leaving here New Years Eve driving to the Keys for 10 days. When we got to the keys the first day a cold front came through and blew 25-35 mph with a drop to 50 degrees that postponed my trip until the water calmed.



I was booked for fishing on a charter "The Dirty Boat" from Robbie's Marina out of Islamorada Key. The target was sailfish in the morning and reef fish in the afternoon. I was a walk-on with three other guys. The people of Robbie's Marina were great and easy to set up the walk-on that they set up all the time for tourists.



Capt Joe. was an experienced captain who was a real laid back guy and he had a super mate who was very experienced with people new to fishing sails. The trip left before dawn and anchored first at Alligator Reef Lighthouse for baitfish of cigar minnows and ballyhoos that the captain and mate quickly netted with 12 ft. nets.



Then we slow trolled ballyhoos on light spinning rods with 7' rods and 20 lb and 15 lb line with 30 lb leaders on Shimano and Penn reels, with two long lines on each outrigger and two flat lines off the stern. I was #3 on the hook up lottery. #1 and #2 each caught and released their sail over about a 2 hour period with each fight taking about 20-30 minutes of sailfish skying all over the place with long runs mixed in.



Prior to their actual solid hooked were hook ups and hooks thrown by several sailfish on the long lines. Super show the whole time that was almost as much fun as my own catching and fighting the fish when I got mine. Each fish was released by cutting the line close to the fish to eliminate manhandling them which decreases their survivor ability. My fish hooked up around 10:30 am and what a thrill it was to take that rod in hand.

I had a Penn 4500 ss reel with 15 lb line on mine. The sail hooked up right up near the boat on a flat line and we could see him come right up to the bait and take it in the crystal clear azure blue water. I kept the drag light at the mate's "strong" insistence as this fish just took off skying all over the place. He didn't slow down as he was over 150 ft away so the captain started to back us down on this fish. I kept tension on it through the whole fight and was able to get him turned finally and make some headway to getting him to the boat. But the real thrill was when I got him near the boat as he skyed several time close in and one of my crewmates got pics of him jumping a couple of times close in.

Getting him to the leader was a job and a half for me cause as soon as I'd work him up almost close enough for the mate to grab the leader it was like he'd see the boat then take off again. He did this 5-6 times before the mate grabbed the leader and pulled him close enough to cut the line. Total time fighting the fish was 35 minutes. That was the last of the sails caught even though we trolled and kite fished through to the afternoon. #4 hook up turned out to be a blackfin tuna that went about 25 lbs that was still a thrill for my crewmate and all of us.

On light line like we had he really worked hard to get that fish to the boat for the gaff. Then we settled into fishing off of a reef and hooked up king mackerels, mutton snapper and yellowtails which was a different but added thrill. I got a big, 3 lb yellowtail myself.



Back to the marina for the mate to clean the fish and get on the road by sunset. It was an awesome fishing experience and well worth the \$250 spend (which I found out was really cheap) for a days worth of fishing experience. Beautiful weather for the day made is very comfortable.

Dr. Ike

Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower
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FISHING REPORT – AND ANOTHER Speckled Trout Citation for James Robinson !!!

Report By: James Robinson

*NAC sends more **Hearty Congratulations** and Job Well Done to James Robinson, for this nice 24.5 Inch Speckled Trout Citation!!!*

Please notify Tournament Office of any changes of address or if Citation Plaque is not received 120 days of the close of the Tournament on December 31st. Fill out Entry Form completely.

CATCH INFORMATION			
SPECIES Speckle Trout		DATE 2/27/	
WEIGHT LBS. _____ OZ. _____		LENGTH 24 1/4 IN.	IF FISH RELEASED
WHERE CAUGHT E. R. Hot Ditch		BAIT OR LURE <input checked="" type="radio"/> MIRROR	
METHOD CAUGHT (CIRCLE ONE) TROLLING _____ CHUMMING _____ JIGGING _____ <input checked="" type="radio"/> CASTING LURES _____ SURF FISHING _____ BAIT FISHING _____			
SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE INFORMATION			
LICENSE TYPE (CIRCLE ONE) INDIVIDUAL _____ PRIVATE BOAT _____ CHARTER BOAT _____ PIER _____ LIFETIME DISABLED _____			
APPLY DATE OF BIRTH IF EXEMPT FROM LICENSE DUE TO AGE (UNDER 16 OR OVER 65) 2 Oct 1939			
ANGLER CERTIFICATION			
I attest the information on this entry form is correct, that I caught this fish on rod and reel without assistance, and the catch was in compliance with all Tournament rules. I agree to the application of all Tournament rules to this catch and agree to be bound by these rules.			
SIGNATURE James Robinson		(PLEASE PRINT) James J (Jim) Robinson	
ADDRESS 2932 USA SHIPPING ADDRESS ONLY (NO. P.O. BOXES) VA Beach			
STATE VA	ZIP 23451	TELEPHONE NUMBER (757-496-0	

CONGRATS, JAMES !!!

FISHING REPORT – VIRGINIA GAME FISH TAGGING AWARD 2011 for Multiple Species as Top Tagger !!!

Report By: James Robinson

Category	Top Tagger	Runner-up
Most Tagged Fish Overall	Ed Shepherd: 3434	Sheldon Arny: 1
Most Knots/Hours	Ed Shepherd: 875	Darrie Smith: 5
Most Tagged Black Drum	Jim Robinson: 45	Carl Stover: 28
Most Tagged Black Sea Bass	Ed Shepherd: 264	Rob Collins: 155
Most Tagged Cobia	Capt. Jay Head: 111	Boza Watkins: 17
Most Tagged Flounder	Ed Shepherd: 252	Capt. Mike Hancock
Most Tagged Red Drum	Jim Robinson: 225	Rob Collins: 4
Most Tagged Sheepshead	Wayne Koon: 7	Capt. Ed Lawrence
Most Tagged Spotted Seatrout	Ed Koon: 14	Jim Robinson: 5
Most Tagged Striped Bass	Ed Shepherd: 2171	Sheldon Arny: 1825
Most Tagged Tarpon	Rob Collins: 183	Sam Salford: 118
Most Tagged Tigerfish	Rob Collins: 8	Rick Givner: 4



*NAC sends more **Hearty Congratulations** and Job Well Done to James Robinson, for **Top Tagger** in **MULTIPLE SPECIES***



Thank you for your Reports!!!

**Please Share Reports and Photos!
Email them to**

John Brown at

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and your favorite Beverage...."*

Ingredients

- 4 Fillets Trout (2 #)
- 1 # + Pecans (toasted and chopped)
- ¾ Cup Coffee
- ½ t Black Pepper
- 12 T Brown Sugar
- ½ Cup Bourbon (Knob Creek)
- 4 T Butter

Directions

1. Pre-heat the oven to 400°.
2. Chop your pecans and spread them out on a sheet pan. Pop this into the oven for about 10 – 15 minutes, shaking and stirring a few times to insure consistent toasting. Remove from the oven and set aside.
3. In a saucepan, over medium high heat, bring the coffee, pepper, sugar, bourbon, and butter to a rapid boil. Simmer for 10 minutes, whisking frequently.
4. Being careful not to burn yourself (as the pecans may still be warm), loosely chop them all up. It doesn't have to be fine, but you want to chop them up so that they can be used to encrust the trout (not just be a bunch of pecans on the top of them).
5. Grease a sheet pan (or a cookie sheet that has a lip) with butter, and lay your trout on it. Pour half of your sauce over the fish. Take your pecans and sprinkle them over the fish, lightly pressing them into the sauce. With a pastry brush, brush additional sauce over the pecans.
6. Pop your pan in the oven and cook for 15 - 20 minutes. Remove from the oven, and, using a spatula, lay out onto plates.

An Irish Blessing



(A Blessing from St. Patrick)

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

NAC APPAREL . . .

The new NAC short sleeve T's are now available. The quality T's come in two colors and offer two different designs on the back. Each has the NAC logo on the front pocket.

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NAC PRIZE FISH CONTEST RULES

Rules regarding our annual PRIZE FISH CONTEST and are posted on the NAC website.

In a nutshell, our rules will closely parallel the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament for saltwater fish and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for freshwater. However, there are a few small differences so please visit the NAC PRIZE FISH CONTEST page on the NAC website.

Most important, we need for everyone to PARTICIPATE in the contest. If you catch (or have caught) a fish in calendar year 2008 meeting citation criteria, simply make a copy of your citation application or fill out the NAC PRIZE FISH ENTRY FORM and provide that to our Awards Director (John Brown) at our next meeting, it's that easy.

At year's end, we will recognize those anglers that catch the "prize" fish in each category plus recognize some overall "Anglers of the Year". Again, please visit the website to learn the details of the contest rules. Let's make our contest fun and competitive, Please Participate.

NAC Prize Fish Entry Form

Please fill out the following information. All weights must be on certified scales, witnessed & caught on hook & line in accordance with the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament.

Date: ____/____/____

Species: _____ Place Caught: _____

Lure or Bait: _____

Weight ____ lbs. ____ oz. Length ____ Feet ____ Inches

The fish was released The fish was tagged Adult Angler Jr. Angler Age _____

Angler's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Boat name _____

I Certify that all the above information is correct:

Angler's Signature _____

Witness Signature _____

Witness Name (printed) _____

Please submit your awards to the new awards director who will be available at the meetings. You must be an NAC Member in good standing to qualify.

Cool Links

Norfolk Anglers Club - <http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com/>

ICW Speckled Trout Shootout - <http://www.ICWSpeckledTroutShootOut.com>

Norfolk Anglers Club "Prize Fish Entry Form" -
http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com/tournaments/prize_fish_entry_form.pdf

NAC Bylaws - <http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com/bylaws/Norfolk%20Anglers%20Club%20ByLaws.pdf>

VBSF - <http://vbsf.net/>

CCA Virginia - <http://www.ccavirginia.org/>

100 Fathom Fishing Club - <http://100ffc.com/forum/index.php>

Bloodydecks.com - <http://www.bloodydecks.com/>

NOAA Marine Forecast - <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/>

Weather Underground - <http://www.weatherunderground.com/>

How To Sharpen Hooks - http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/education/catalog/hooksharpening.pdf

Rutgers Sea Surface Temps - http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?product=sst¬humbs=0

Tidal Charts -
<http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/tideshow.cgi?site=Chesapeake+Bay+Entrance%2C+Virginia+Current+%282%29>

Fuel Tax Refund Forms - <http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/ts217.pdf>

Fishing Knots - <http://www.thejump.net/fishing-knots/fishing-knots.htm>

Fishing Knots - <http://www.animatedknots.com/>

Fishing Homer Alaska - <http://www.fishinghomer.alaska.com/>

Coast Guard Auxiliary - <http://nws.cgaux.org/index.html>

Search Fish Base - <http://www.fishbase.org/search.php?lang=English>

Cheapest Gas & Diesel Prices - <http://www.virginiabeachgasprices.com/index.aspx>

N. Carolina Fishing License - <http://www.ncfisheries.net/recreational/NCCRFL.htm>

Virginia Coastal Access Now - <http://www.vcanaccess.com>

World Wide Charter Guide Directory - <http://www.charter-guide.info/index.php>

IGFA - <http://www.igfa.org/>

IGFA Local Director - <http://www.drjball.com/>

Sea Tow - <http://seatow.com/>

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