

THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

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Fishing Reports;

- Rudee Inlet: Puppy Drum, Striped Mullet
- Triangle Reef: Spiny Dogfish Sharks

Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Welcome to our newest members! Joining us at the Fishing Flea Market are Alex Jerasa & family and Lamis Aqel & family. It's wonderful to have you with us!

Many thanks to Mary and Henry Troutner and Mike Hubert for their help with the Flea Market on March 1st. Thanks to Wendy as well for getting all the Tee-Shirts and Hats ready for the event. The behind-the-scenes effort to pull these events off is greatly appreciate and we can always use more help.

Our club's next big event is our Annual Awards Banquet on March 15th at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. We'll have an opportunity to enjoy an amazing venue, great food, and acknowledge our anglers accomplishments. This is a private club event for our members and their sponsored guests. If you haven't signed up, there's a very small window remaining. Go to our club website and use the option to pay online (PayPal).

I'm hopeful that this month's weather and fishing conditions improve. Fishing in February was tough and getting away from the protected inland waters challenging. Remember that we welcome your fishing reports, even if you don't have the best success. So, get out and go fishing and remember to take photos!

Will



On The Cover: Mary & Henry Troutner at the Fishing Flea Market. Mary and Henry are always one the first to volunteer supporting our club with any event. Thank You for your continual support!

Meeting

NO Regular Meeting in March!!!

Important:
March 15th at 6:00 pm
Annual Members Event
Awards Banquet

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Club Calendar

March

Sat, Mar 8th; Kiwanis Club of Poquoson Fishing Flea Market,
Poquoson High School, 8:00am-1:00pm Fri,

Mar 14th; Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program Awards
Presentation, Hampton Bass Pro Shops

Sat, Mar 15th; Members Annual Award Banquet

Tue, Mar 25th; Virginia Marine Resources Commission
meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

April

Sat, Apr 21st; Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting, Boil Bay
Seafood City, Norfolk

Tue, Apr 22nd; Virginia Marine Resources Commission
meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

Save the Date!



*Virginia Game Fish Tagging
Program Awards*

Bass Pro Shops Hampton
March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

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Club Members Tournament for 2025



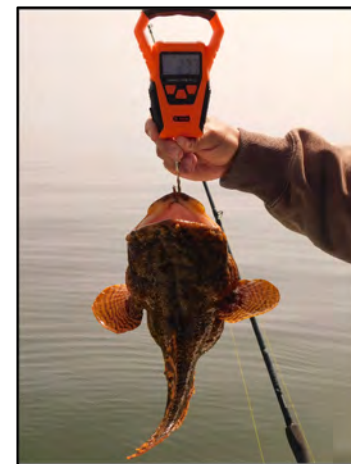
Redfish "Spots" Tournament Rules



- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- 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)
- 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.

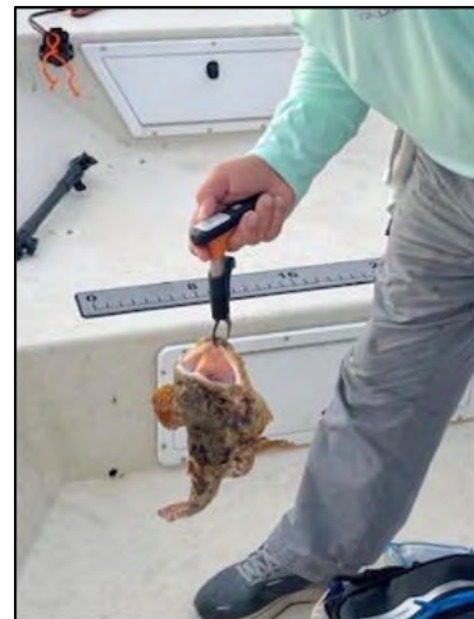


Oyster Toadfish Tournament Rules



- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- Awards determined by;
 1. Total Weight
 2. Date of catch
 3. Date of entry submission
- Additional Award for Best Oyster Toad Photo
- Entries submitted by email to 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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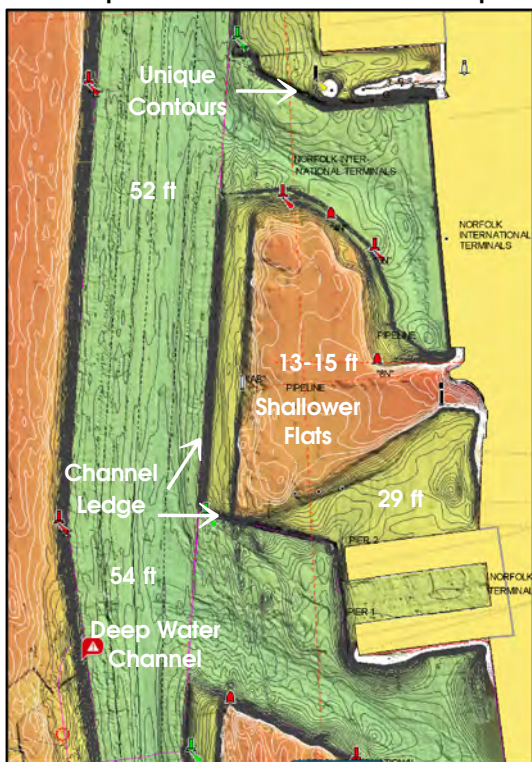
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Fishing Tips...

Flying Fishing In Hampton Roads

Captain Ed Doan, *Doan Outdoor Adventures*

No matter what style of fishing an angler prefers; spin casting bait casting, or fly fishing, picking your fishing location follows the same path. Anglers use their past experience, local knowledge, or leverage technology, like the Garmin Navionics app. Boating/Fishing apps provide an angler the opportunity to research areas before heading out. Capt Doan favors the Navionics app as it provides navigation references, shaded bottom relief, and tidal direction and flow information. Using the app anglers can locate the differing contours of channel edges, docks, and unique bottom contours that depending on conditions will hold fish.

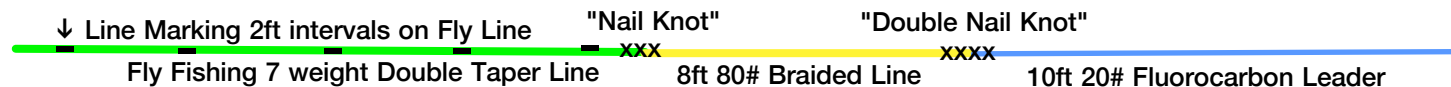


Capt Doan recommends anglers locate some of these unique features and deeper water depressions and fish them in differing conditions. He shared when conditions change fish may be drawn to those locations. For example during the hottest summer months speckled trout might be drawn to the cooler/deeper water found off the end of a pier or the shade of a dock. Current flow around and over depressions and structure will also attract bait fish and that's where anglers will want to be fishing.

When it comes to flying fishing many think it involves sight casting to fish in clearer water however, that's not an absolute. It's not often in areas like the Elizabeth and Lafayette Rivers that the water is clear enough to sight cast on fish using a fly rod. Capt Doan shared, most fly fishing in these areas is blind casting to fish in deeper water. This requires a heavier fly fishing line weight than normally used and heavier lure weight.

Fly fishing line is measured in grains of weight of the first 30' of line, called the line head. This determines how well the line casts and how much it will sink. Line used for small freshwater trout and panfish with traditional lightweight fly lures might use a Fly Line Weight of 2-4. For larger fish and saltwater use line weights ranging from 6 upwards to the heaviest of 12. There's also two types of fly line types; Weight Forward and Double Tapered. Fly fishing line is designed to float with the head or end of the line weighted. Weighted Forward line is only weight at one end while Double Tapered line is weighted at both ends and can be swapped on the reel when the line is worn. For the fishing in our area with lure weight ranging 1/16-1/8 ounce Capt Doan uses a 7 weigh Double Taper fly line.

For fly fishing in deeper water Capt Doan attaches two lengths of line onto his fly line. The first is an 8 ft length of 80# braided line tied with a Nail Knot and the end length is 10 ft of 20# fluorocarbon leader tied with a Double Nail Knot.

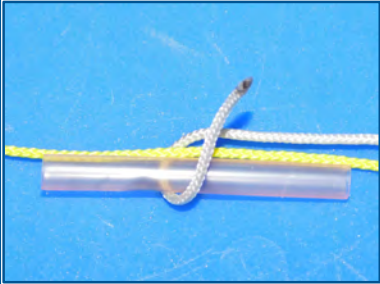


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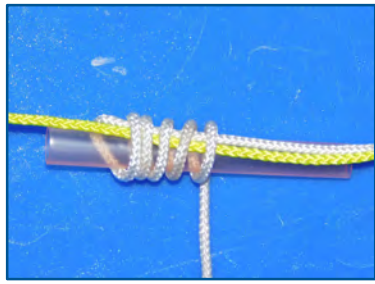
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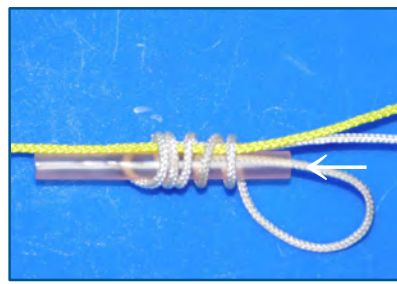
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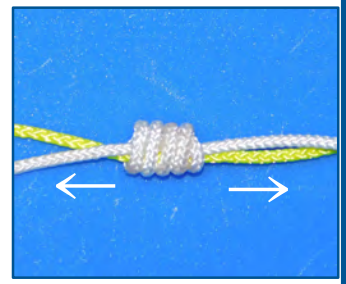
Step 1: Lay Lines together over straw, coffee stirrer, or "nail"



Step 2: Holding lines, make 5 or more wraps around lines and straw



Step 3: Pass end into straw and pull end through and then removing straw



Step 4: Holding both lines on opposite sides of knot pull tight

in fly fishing The added braided line and fluorocarbon leader provides additional weight to the rig. He shared fluorocarbon leader material is heavier than monofilament. Another tips he employs is marking his floating fly line at 2 ft intervals with an indelible marker so it provides a quick reference on how much line it out.

Capt Doan will target the deeper fish in depths ranging 6-12 feet. His lures are personally handcrafted with large eyes, small #6 hooks, and in various colors however, a favored color combination in our areas is chartreuse and white. He prefers working the incoming tidal flow over the outgoing. When working around docks and depressions he recommends casting well up current to allow the lightweight lures time to sink to your target depth. Unlike a typical spinning rod, fly rods are much longer, lighter weight, with different reels or spools and almost no drag tension set. Once hooked up it takes practice to fish a light fast action rod without losing the fish, especially around docks!

Capt Doan recommends anglers starting off in fly fishing use shorter leaders and fish calmer waters. He added, starting off in fly fishing doesn't require a large investment. Lesser expensive rod/reels can be acquired and gear upgraded as experience is gained. An added advantage he pointed out is there's no bait to deal with and no expensive hard baits.



Captain Ed Doan

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Fishing Reports

Feb 15: I fished Owls Creek on Saturday, with a three inch curly tail grub on a 1/8 ounce jig head and on the other rod I had a piece of frozen shrimp on a 1/16 ounce circle hook. During the incoming tide, I slowly caught four Red Drum and three Striped Mullet that were mostly foul hooked while reeling the lure in. On this day, three of the Drum were caught on shrimp and only one was caught on artificial. The water temperature was 44 degrees.

- Alex Perez



Feb 3: With 65° temps and light morning winds predicted, Mary, John Curry, Marty Schriegl and I pointed the Shamrock to the Triangles for the February Black Sea Bass season. The weatherman was close for a change but forgot to mention the temps offshore would only reach the mid 40's, and heavy fog hung around all day. We stopped along the way at the Brass Spike only to find it covered with Dogfish. We then moved to the Triangles and fished the Morgan and Luckenbach, both of which held nothing. With winds predicted to be increasing in the afternoon, which they did, we headed in about 12:30 with an empty cooler, other than plenty of bait for our next trip. At the ramp we met some guys coming in that had fished 60 miles off shore and had their limit of BSB.

- Henry Troutner



Save the Date!

2025

Virginia Charter Boat Workshop

at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point

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Feb 9: Alex and I had a small window of fishing opportunity on Super Bowl Sunday and fished a few hours in Rudee Inlet. Fishing was very slow but we did managed to catch, tag, and release four slot sized puppy drum near the Aquarium

- Will Bransom



Feb 24: I fished with Jamie Paxson and we wanted to see if our recent big snow storm did anything to the fishing at Owls Creek as the left over snow started to thaw. The water temperature was 41 degrees. We fished three and four inch jigs but found that frozen shrimp produced the five Red Drum we caught on this trip. The Drum ranged from 14 to 16.5 inches which were tagged and released for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP).

- Alex Perez



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