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MAY 2015



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Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

This month we're meeting back at the Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet in the Southern Shopping Center, Norfolk. Last month's meeting at Boater's Warehouse was great! Many THANKS to Cory and Athena for hosting us with pizza, beverages, and discounts! If you missed the presentations by Legacy Charters and the Virginia Marine Police you can get some of the information in this month's Wireline. However, nothing beats coming to the meeting and getting an opportunity to talk first hand with our speakers.

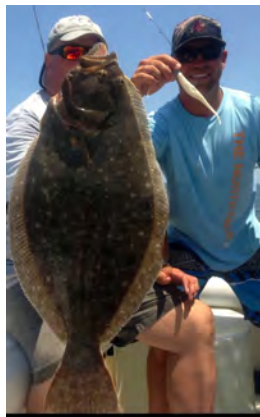
We've got the Hunt for the Hardheads Club Challenge this month on Saturday, May 9th. If you're interested send me an email and we may be able to get you fishing. We still have a few openings. Only \$10 per Angler (Picnic included) and if you're not fishing and want to go to the Picnic it's only \$5. Picnic's at Portsmouth City Park.

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MEETING

Guest Speaker :

Captain Travis Wall with *Tight Grip Sport Fishing Charters* joins the Norfolk Anglers Club on May 11th to talk about Chesapeake Bay Fishing. Captain Wall charts his 22ft Center Console out of Little Creek to fish the Bay and surrounding areas. Fishing the Bay for 20 years, Captain Wall puts his Customers on Cobia, Flounder, Sheepshead, Black Sea Bass, Drum, Tautog, and many other species around the Bay. With the season warming up it's a great time to get a Charter Captain's tips on targeting a wide range of fish.



Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, May 11th at 7 pm

Location:

Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet - 7525 Tidewater Dr, Norfolk

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Fishing Tips...

Bull Drum - Landing Red & Black Drum Trophies:

Captain Bill Jenkins and First mate Bill "Gordy" Knapp, Legacy Charters

Where & When to find them: Red Drum first begin to show on the Eastern Shore shoals around the barrier islands about the time of the first crab shed. Setting up on the shoal when the water temperature is above 50 degrees and either set up for fishing the breakers over the the shoals or in deeper water where the water runs faster yields good early season results. Rig with a fishfinder rig described below and bait with blue crab. Remove the top shell and bait with either the whole or half crab. Captain Jenkins prefers the Gamagatsu 8/0 Circle Hook and will often leave the crab shell on if Dogfish Sharks are hitting the bait.

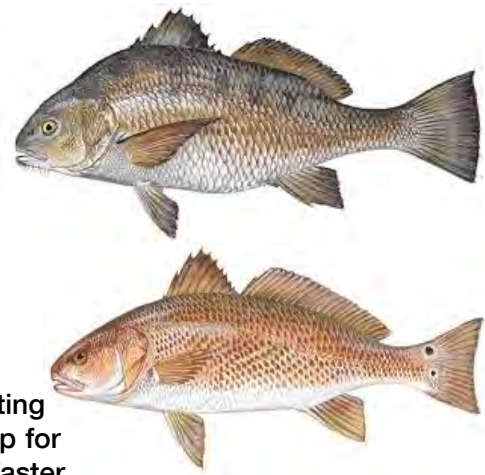
Black Drum also run the same areas, around Nautilus and Latimar Shoals, so it's best to search around the shoals looking for decent marks on your bottom machine or set up in an area that's 20-25ft deep with a quick rise up to about 15ft. You're looking for a natural rise in the bottom that bait and big drums will follow. Chowder Clams and Sea Clams can be used or added to the the crab to bring on a strike.

As the water temperature rises during the season the Black Drum will move off the shoals and begin to school up. Look for schools of Black Drum by scanning the water for a distinct bronze color moving in the water. Large schools of Black Drum might also resemble a sand bar moving around. The Bay Bridge Tunnel 3rd and 4th Island are good places to find them.

Once you find a large school approach it cautiously. Getting too close can spook the school and scatter them. Stay well outside the school and keep noise on the boat to an absolute minimum, that includes radio noise. Position the boat to cast ahead of the moving school and pull the lure through the school working it quickly. You can cast prepared crab, live bait, or Bucktail Jigs. Legacy Charters uses 4oz Bucktails with a 6 inch white or yellow tail.

Late in the season, September to mid-October, the Drum will begin a migration out of the bay. Setting up around the CBBT Islands and placing multiple rigs with differing baits produce well for Red Drum. Reds this time of year prefer Bluefish or Menhaden for live bait but large Mullet Chunks or 3-4in Bluefish Heads work as well. Black Drum can be found around the wrecks at the Chesapeake Bay entrance and off the beach.

Legacy Charters uses Shimano Tallus Blue Water Series rods with Penn Battle 6000 Spinning Reels. Landing a 40+ pound Drum on a medium weight spinner rig can be very exciting. Remember to use your net and handle the fish gently for a release fish. After a good fight Drum also need to be revived before being released.



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10-14oz
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12in Leader
Mono or Fluoro

8/0
Circle
Hook

Virginia Marine Police visits the Norfolk Anglers Club



The Norfolk Anglers Club was very pleased to have Marine Police Officer Bill Thompson join us for our April meeting. Officer Thompson is assigned to the Southern Area of operation, which spans north from the state line, to include the Atlantic Coastal area, lower Chesapeake Bay, James and Elizabeth Rivers and all their tributaries. He shared the rich history of the Marine Police and described the many facets of the agency in addition to Law Enforcement. Such as, enforcing boating safety laws, search & rescue operations, emergency response calls, investigating boating accidents and criminal activity. They also perform a valuable service to our military installations, shipyards and nuclear power plants with their counter-terrorism patrols.

- Originally formed as the "Oyster Navy" in 1875, the oldest Law Enforcement agency in the Commonwealth
- Charged with enforcing State and Federal commercial and recreational fishery laws and regulations
- Marine Police Offices are federally sworn Officers and have authority at the Federal, State, and Local City level
- Virginia Marine Police patrol over 7,000 miles of coastline!

Officer Thompson recounted the recent operation in the Elizabeth River involving illegal harvest of Speckled Trout and Red Drum. He thanked local anglers for getting involved and reporting suspicious activity while out on the water. Those reports led to an investigation and seizure of illegal nets, more than 6,000 pounds of illegal catch and the arrest of two individuals involved.

He shared, being alert and reporting suspected violations of our fishery regulations and boating laws to the Marine Police Dispatch Center is the best way to assist the Marine Police in covering our 7,000+ mile coastline.



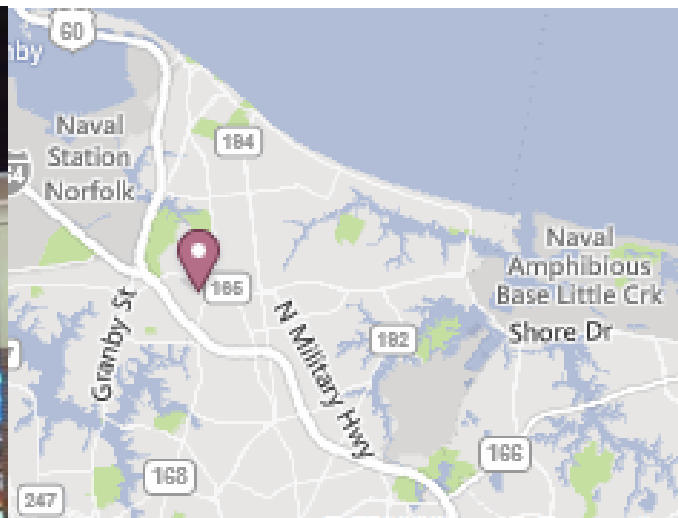
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Anglers can register two ways;

1. Online at <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/fip/>
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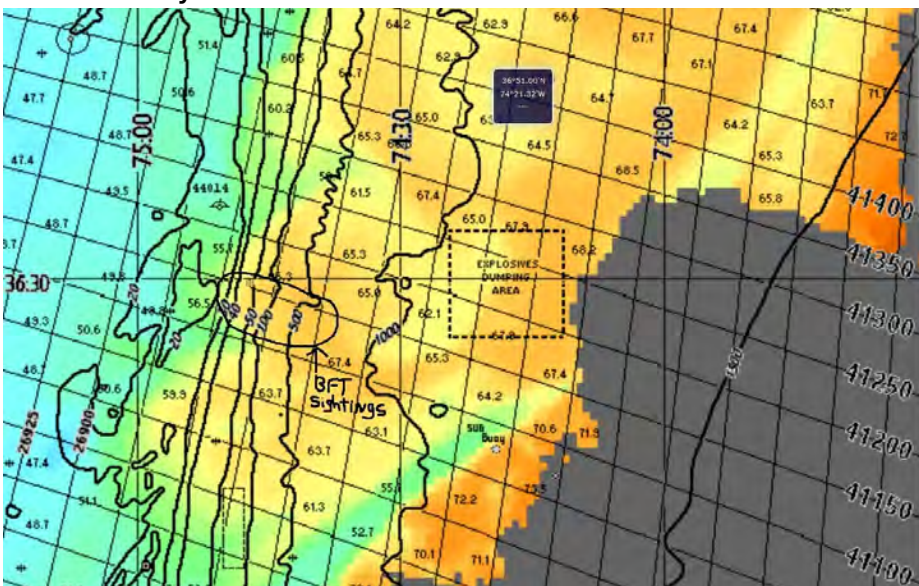
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- Boaters and swimmers

Deposit used or tangled monofilament fishing line into specially marked containers!

Fishing Reports

12-13 APR 15: Fished our first overnighter for the year with Jason and crew. We started out Sunday deep dropping around the 300 line and worked our way south to the 150 with nothing but dog city. Found the pocket of warm water on the back side of the cigar and put the trolling spread out around 6:30 pm Sunday with only 5 lines of horse ballyhoo. 3 were blue/white Joe Shutes and 2 naked. Trolled out to 250 fathoms and kept seeing giant tuna busting on the surface then sounding. Just as the sun was setting total chaos sets in. 4 of the 5 lines go down hard with huge holes in the ocean behind the boat. It was the most violent, awesome tuna strike I've ever witnessed. These giants hit us traveling fast from starboard to port with all our lines screaming off straight to the port side of the boat. Even the 5th ballyhoo got hit but didn't come tight. The guys jumped into action with 4 anglers holding on as each reel dumped all the 80 lb mono and was into the 130 lb braid within seconds. 2 of the 4 pulls the hook and now we fight 2 giants on straight butt rods on Tiagra 50w stand up style. We fight these 2 fish for about an hour and lines eventually cross and 1 gets cut off but still have the 1 on. 2 1/2 hours later we finally land an 87 inch, 335 lb BFT. With the trophy season still open we go ahead and land our 1 for the year. This was the 41158 line at 250 fathoms but we saw schools of busting tuna from 50 fathoms out to 300 all along this pocket of 66-67 degree water. Had a nice slow 0.2 - 0.4 knot drift to the SW. Put some sword baits out with lots of life around the light. Had high hopes there would be some swordfish around but did manage a nice 88 inch mako around 2 am. All night kept seeing great marks under the boat. I am pretty sure these are the big BFT. I asked if anyone wanted to jig some up but nobody wanted anymore giant BFT after our chaos from earlier. Ran home early to take care of the meat and get the fish weighed in. Called anyone and everyone on 68 and 79 the radio to get others on the bite but nobody around. 335 lbs at the VB Fishing Center. Great crew that was fun to fish with. Thanks to Wes for helping out as mate!

- Mike Avery



14 APR: Kevin and I headed south of Rudee yesterday for what I refer to as simply a 'research trip'. We had a few new areas in mind. Since the first two areas did not work out GPS wise, I suggested a third area. On our way there, something incredible happened! Huge pods of fish by the hundreds swimming right past us! . At first glance, Kevin mentioned the fish looked like amberjack, but after a much closer look, we saw they were big bluefish! (Squirrel!!!) I immediately ran into the cuddy and grabbed my offshore bag, and I started rigging up two lines for the jig on the trevala's . The fish were now swarming around the boat. We in no time had jigged up a 33 inch bluefish , and then just a few mins later we see tons of tails hitting on top water, (fisherman's crack!) We then cast to the scattering pods of insane fish and they are hooking up just before the jig reaches ten feet down. It was game on! Three plus solid hours of Slammin big bluefish! it was now well after 3:30 pm and we had not anchored or dropped our lines at a wreck all day. The cooler of untouched blue crabs crabs were delighted about that, and we simply didn't care. We had just witnessed ' the bluefish inquisition!' We used jigs of all colors and sizes up to 6 oz. knot to secure jigs was an Albright using 60 to 80 lb mono leader line. Most productive color of the day was silver. Oh, you may notice in the photo something odd in the appearance of the bluefish. Kevin cut all the bluefish we kept at gill area to bleed them; a friend mentioned it makes the meat taste even better. We soaked them in a brine for the smoker; they came out quite tasty! Tight Lines Everyone!



RECIPE: SMOKED BLUEFISH

2 cups sugar
2 cups salt (no iodine morton sea salt)
1 container (1.5 oz) of McCormick picking spice
4 cups warm water
Mix contents together (sugar and salt will start to dissolve). Pour entire mix into a cooler, add fillets with 30 lb. of ice. Soak fillets for 24 hrs.



TIPS FOR SMOKER: I use hickory, apple, (or pear) and cherry woods. I place the woods into a bucket with water and grab a handful of moistened wood and apply to the rack on top of the (Kingsford charcoal) at the bottom of my smoke house. I add more woods & charcoal as it burns up throughout the smoking process. Smoke for about 5 1/2 hours, depending on the thickness of the fillets, you may have to add or subtract time.
- Beth Synowiec

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11 Apr: Dr Ike and I headed out on his boat ShelbyKat II to fish the CBBT pilings for Tautog. We gave Fiddler crabs a try and fished before and after the tide change with some success around the CBBT spline and pilings. Most other boats fishing Fiddler crabs had similar results. Came home with three but had a great day fishing with fellow club member Ike.

- Will Bransom



17 Apr: Mike Delbridge and I went out on a Saturday armed up with Blue Crab and hit the CBBT pilings. We used a standard Taug rig made of 40# mono with a dropper loop to 3/0 and 4/0 hook. Our plan was to set up on a set of pilings and fish it for 15-20 minutes and move on to another set if it didn't produce. Well, the Taugs were liking the Blue Crab, which we quartered and hooked through a knuckle. We released all female Taugs, no matter the size (some were quite large) and any male less than 17 inches. Caught about 25 fish and took home our limit (6), the largest of them being around 20 inches.

- Will Bransom



*Tautog Season's Closed
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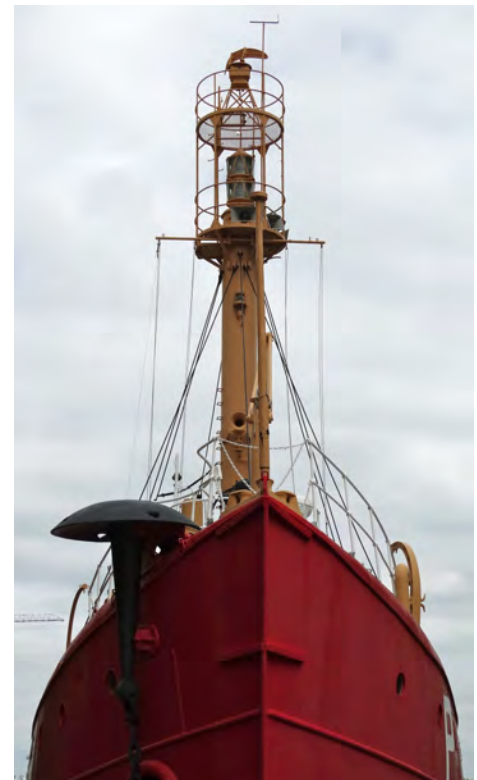
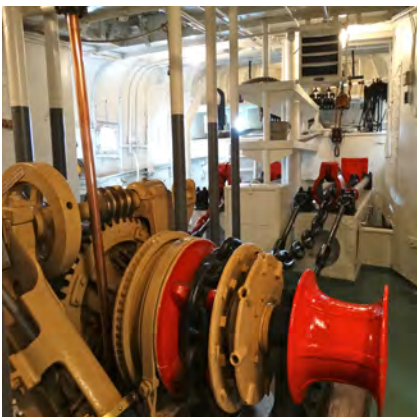
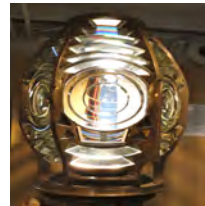
CATCHING CRAPPIE IN SMITH LAKE

24 APR: To help me through my ER speckled trout fishing withdrawal, Steve Harding invited me out to fish for crappie on a Friday. We picked up 6 dozen shiners and headed to the lake; the day was sunny, cool, and a bit windy. We low-trolled using 18 - 20 foot telescopic poles with 1/16 oz. jig head and 2 inch tail with a small live shiner. We started off catching some pickerel and catfish but eventually pick up crappie. In all, we caught over 30 nice crappie up to 15¼ inches. - Ned Smith

25 APR: I fished with Captain Rick Wineman and Wally Veal aboard GetAnet on Saturday. We started out at the 3rd Island and had a nice pick of togs getting our limit of 9 pretty quick. They liked the fiddlers better than cut crab. About half were thrown back but half were keepers between 16 and 20 inches. Nothing huge but tasty critters. We then moved over to the breakers between Fisherman and Smith Islands in about 4 feet of water and deployed 8 rods of crab and clam. We did not get any bites or fish before the wind and rain moved in around 5 pm. Any day now the drum bite is going to turn on. Had a good time fishing with Rick and Wally! - Mike Avery



Did you catch the PORTSMOUTH Lightship (LV-101) on the Front Cover of this Wireline? It's dry berthed near the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum and served the U.S. Lighthouse Service starting in 1915. In 1939 she belonged to the U.S. Coast Guard and was reclassified as WAL-524 but kept the station name on her hull. She served in three locations: As CHARLES in the Chesapeake Bay outside Cape Charles, Virginia from 1916- 1924; As OVERFALLS in the Delaware Bay from 1926- 1951; As STONEHORSE, Stonehorse Shoal, MA from 1951-1963. She was decommissioned Mar 23, 1964 and sat at the Portland Maine Harbor until she was donated to the City of Portsmouth, Virginia. She took on the city's name and became a National Historic Landmark in 1989. Now the museum quarters are fitted out realistically and are filled with artifacts, uniforms, photographs and much more. Take your family to explore the Lightship PORTSMOUTH it will be fun and enlightening! Buy your ticket at the PORTSMOUTH Naval Shipyard Museum which enables you to browse through the Shipyard Museum and take a tour of the Lightship Portsmouth. \$2 for children, \$4 adults, \$3 seniors and active military



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April 11 at 3:40pm **Jeremy Stansbury**: Foul hooked a gizzard shad... Saw a bird eat a 6 inch flounder & heard about a few blues and pups caught in Rudee. ↔



April 11 at 5:08pm **Brandon O'Berry**: Puppy drum have now shown in Sandbridge BBWR, I even heard of a striper off the pier. Been fishing 2 days straight and I have only seen Skates, blues, puppy drum, sea mullet, and puffers.

On April 12 at 9:22am **John Hille Brandon**: Y'all get any drum bites

April 12 at 9:49am **Brandon O'Berry**: Not this weekend, seen one yearly caught yesterday, did hear of one caught at Hatteras inlet yesterday evening. Friday night when everything was right, nada out of 40 of us that took the walk.

April 12 at 9:52am **Brandon O'Berry**: As for other fish caught while waiting on the big'ums were blowtoads, black drum, flounder, sea mullet, blues, and dare I say it skate.

April 12 at 9:41pm **Todd Cologgi**: Worked the triangles and a few other wrecks and even tried the 4th on the spine for togs. Only two keepers and four throwbacks. Water is still just a little chilly. Five more degrees and we should be in there.

April 14 at 11:10 am **Brandon O'Berry**: Drum bite was slow down south but appears to have picked up over on the eastern shore with red and black drum, tog fishing is starting to heat up as well. Beach's from Sandbridge south right now is best bet with puppy drum and some blues in the wash. Further south there has been blowtoads, blues have been in full force, flounder, sea mullet, and even seen a nice black drum from the beach. Still has a few sharks hanging around as had some bite offs in the mix. Getting ready to head out now and see what's going on today as I've heard of a lot of pods of bunker in the area and did hear of someone saying while tog fishing, they came across a nice size school of reds already in the bay, but the catches over Eastern Shore this weekend proved that.

April 14 at 2:35pm **David McAbee**: Tautog!! Everywhere!!

April 14 at 11:38pm **Brandon O'Berry**: Fished OV pier today, seen one lizard fish swim by. Other than that nada well there was the otter hanging out by the pier house.

April 15 at 7:46 pm **Brandon O'Berry**: Been fishing the past 2 days here local. Yesterday Ov pier and today Sandbridge pier had skate after skate, til noon, CBBT and til 6 or so On OV pier now and croakers has been caught. Besides the otter here keeping us entertained not much going on.

April 17 at 1:22pm **NOAA Fisheries**

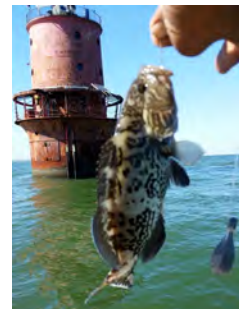
Services: Gag grouper are large fish, growing to over 3 feet in length and weighing up to 50 pounds. They are also "protogynous hermaphrodites," meaning they begin life as females and sexually mature around age 4. Then, as they grow older, they change to males around age 8.



April 17 at 1:24pm **Norfolk Anglers Club**: Interesting Grouper!

April 17 at 1:24pm **Austin DuBois**: I've seen a few at the tower reef and in rudee

April 17 at 7:28pm **Victor Hill**: Caught this last year ocean view! ↔



April 18 at 3:36pm **Brandon O'Berry**: Fished OVP yesterday, croakers still hitting slow but steady, seen 2 very small cod and small shad caught as well. Did hear of southern rays in Backbay this morning but not much more. Heading out herein a bit to see what is going on today.

April 18 at 8:34pm **Austin DuBois**: Dogfish offshore and skates off Virginia Beach pier. Ill keep you posted about the 17 hour on the Angler.

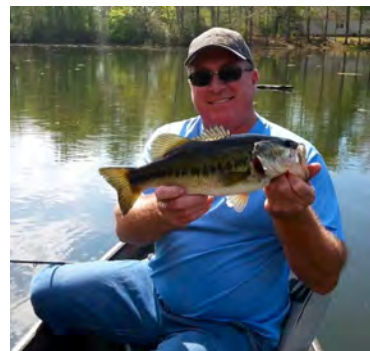
At 9:54pm Grouper out on the Angler today not a bunch of dogs today ↔



April 18 at 8:19am **James Short**: Catching Bass until the flounder show up! ↔

April 19 at 6:06 pm **Austin DuBois**: Blowtoads and skates and a few tog for me

April 26 at 6:22 PM **Austin DuBois**: Blues everywhere in Rudee



April 29 at 4:07 pm **Rick Yavner**: I fished the Rudee Inlet this morning. I limited out plus. All fish were catch and release. Lots of bluefish coming over the rail this morning.

April 29 at 6:07 pm **Austin DuBois**: My buddy caught a 7 lb blue in the inlet today. Also watched someone pull up a flounder, great sign so far!



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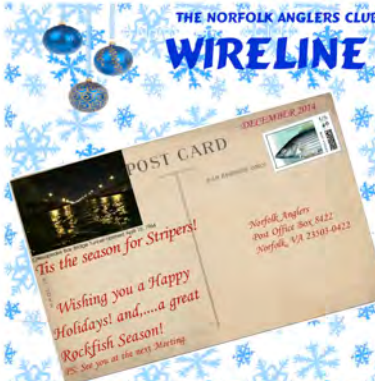
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**New!!!
Striped Bass
Regulation Card!!!
April 2015**



**Virginia Marine Resources Commission
2015 Recreational Fishing Regulations
For Striped Bass in Virginia's Marine Waters**

Coastal Season January 1 - March 31, 2015
and May 16 - December 31, 2015

Possession Limit 1 per person

Minimum Size Limit 28 inches

Coastal Regulations:
Apply in Virginia's coastal ocean waters inside the Three Mile Limit Line, plus all of the creeks, bays, inlets and tributaries on the seashore of Accomack County, Northampton County (including areas east of the causeway from Fisherman Island to the mainland) and the City of Virginia Beach (including federal areas and state parks, fronting on the Atlantic Ocean and east and south of the point where the shoreward boundary of the Territorial Sea joins the mainland at Cape Henry).

Chesapeake Area Season (Spring) May 16 - June 15, 2015

Possession Limit 2 per person

Minimum Size Limit 20 inches

Maximum Size Limit 28 inches

Chesapeake Area Regulations
Apply in the main stem of the Chesapeake Bay and its Virginia tributaries. Refer to the reverse side of this card for information pertaining to Potomac River "open seasons."

***1 fish of the 2 fish possession limit may be larger than the Trophy Size limit of 36 inches except in the spawning reaches of the tributary rivers where no fish greater than 28 inches in length or longer may be possessed. Combining limits for overlapping seasons or regulations is prohibited - no more than 2 fish allowed in any overall limit at any time.**

Virginia Trophy-Size Season**
Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries May 1 - June 15, 2015
Potomac River Tributaries Same as main stem of Potomac River
Coastal Waters (Territorial Sea) May 1 - May 15, 2015

Possession Limit 1 per person

Minimum Size Limit 36 inches

Trophy Season Regulations
Apply in Virginia's Territorial Sea and the Chesapeake Bay and its Virginia tributary rivers, except the spawning reaches of the tributary rivers where no fish 28 inches in length or longer may be kept or possessed.

**** Trophy-Size Permit and catch report required for any Trophy-size striped bass kept during Trophy-Size Season (<https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/permits/>). Regulations apply in the Chesapeake Bay and the Territorial Sea. Trophy-Size Season possession limit cannot be combined or added to the limit for any overlapping season.**

Chesapeake Area Season (Fall) October 4 - December 31, 2015

Possession limit 2 per person

Minimum Size Limit 20 inches

Maximum Size Limit 28 inches

*****Except one of the two fish possession limit may be greater than 28 inches.**

All measurements are in total length; fish are measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.

**Virginia Marine Resources Commission
Important Information Concerning
Saltwater Fishing Regulations
For Striped Bass**

Regulations in Spawning Reaches of Virginia's Tributary Rivers
Regulations in the spawning reaches of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay tributary rivers are the same as the regulations for Chesapeake Bay, except no fish greater than 28 inches in length or longer may be kept or possessed from May 1, 2015 - June 15, 2015.

Federal Waters Regulations
Atlantic Ocean waters beyond the Three Mile Limit Line are closed to taking and possession of striped bass all year.

Potomac River Striped Bass Regulations
Please contact the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) for information on regulations governing the striped bass harvest in the Potomac River and the Spring, Summer-Fall seasons of the Virginia tributaries of the Potomac River. Contact information for the PRFC office is 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, VA 22443, (804) 224-7148, or (800) 266-3904 or on the internet at <http://www.prfc.us/>

Illegal to Gaff Striped Bass
Gaffing Striped Bass or attempting to gaff Striped Bass is illegal in Virginia Marine Waters.

All Regulations are Subject to Change.
It is the Angler's Responsibility to Know and Abide by all Current Regulations and Laws
Check for New Regulations Before You Go Fishing.

Regulations are subject to review and change throughout the year. Information on the most current regulations can be obtained from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave., Third Floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607, (757) 247-2200; from the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, 2600 Washington Ave., Third Floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607, (757) 491-5160; and from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission internet website at www.mrc.virginia.gov

April 2015



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INTRODUCING THE LARGEST FLY FISHING EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF HAMPTON ROADS

PRESENTING LEGENDS OF THE FLY - MAY 8 & 9 2015

A day and a half long, immersive fly fishing experience including legend Chico Fernandez, winning entries from the Fly Fishing Film Tour, gear demos, casting lessons and time on the water with local fly fishing legend, Cory "Ruthless" Routh.

Brock Environmental Center, Virginia Beach, Friday May 8th 5:00pm-10:00pm and Saturday May 9th 10:00am-1:00pm

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"HUNT FOR THE HARDHEADS"

A croaker, bluefish, and flounder fishing challenge between the Great Bridge Fisherman's Association, Portsmouth Anglers Club, Virginia Beach Anglers Club and Norfolk Anglers Club

Tentative Date: Saturday, May 9, 2015

Location: Portsmouth City Park

Lines In: 7:00 AM

Measure In: Starts at 12:30 ends at 1:30 PM

Entry Fee: \$30.00 / Boat (3 angler teams).....Additional Anglers \$10.00

Includes: Fishing, Picnic and Wish A Fish Donation!

Picnic only \$5.00

WINNING CLUB HAS THEIR NAME ENGRAVED ON THE COVETED HUNT FOR HARDHEADS TROPHY (AND BRAGGING RIGHTS!)

RULES:

1. Clubs are limited to five boats per club. Team Captains must be club members.
2. Teams must register and pay in advance through their own club's tournament director.
3. Boats may depart from any VA port.
4. The eastern boundary will be 500 yards east of the HRBT.
5. Fish will be measured by length only, if the exact length tie is encountered a girth measurement will decide.
6. Points Structure...The longest legal fish of each species will earn 5 points, the 2nd longest legal fish earns 4 points, 3rd longest legal fish earns 3 points, 4th longest legal fish earns 2 points, and the 5th longest fish earns 1 point.
7. The Club with the Most Points Wins!

For additional information contact, Larry Ward, 944-0956



*Still interested in fishing
Hunt for the Hardheads?*

*Send me an email at
will.bransom@gmail.com*

NATIONAL Water Safety MONTH

From the Virginia DGIF; *Nearly all boating-related fatalities are the result of drowning and most of these fatalities could've been prevented if a life jacket was worn.*

It's simple, life jackets save lives and, they're a required safety item. For children under 13 years old, they must be worn unless the child is below decks or in enclosed cabin.

So then, what do you do when you have an unplanned opportunity to head out on the water? An impromptu test drive of the boat and you need life jackets for your passengers?

The Sea Tow Life Jacket Loaner Program is sponsored by the Sea Tow Foundation can be your answer. In the last 3 years more than 12,000 life jackets have been provided to recreational boaters. All FREE of charge!

You'll find many of the Sea Tow Life Jacket Loaner Stands in Marina Offices around Hampton Roads THANKS to the Sea Tow Foundation and Ed and Karen Schrader of Sea Tow Hampton Roads. Each stand has life jackets ranging in size from infant to adult and may be borrowed for the day FREE, with no questions asked! Just return it when you get back from your day of boating so that others may borrow it after you.



Future Norfolk Anglers Club Members getting ready for a test drive on Grand Daddy's Boat



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local Marinas

Willoughby Harbor Marina, Norfolk
Long Bay Pointe Marina, Virginia Beach
Lynnhaven Marina Boatel, Virginia Beach
Sunset Boating Center, Hampton
Custom House/Hampton Public Piers, Hampton
Top Rack Marina, Chesapeake
Lynnhaven Public Boat Ramp, Virginia Beach
Cove Marine JEB Little Creek Ft. Story, Norfolk
Little Creek/Bay Point Marina, Norfolk
Cobbs Marina, Norfolk
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ANGLER INTERESTS

Norfolk Anglers Club Canned Food Drive



The Norfolk Anglers Club is continuing our Canned Food Drive. So, please bring a non-perishable food item to the next meeting. We've got a labeled box at the entrance of the Banquet Room to collect your donation. When you donate you get a free raffle ticket to the evening's drawing.

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council: Blueline Tilefish



April 15, 2015: The MAFMC voted to move forward with development of measures for the long-term management of Blueline Tilefish in the Mid-Atlantic. The council will consider several approaches, including creation of a new Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and development of an amendment to add Blueline Tilefish to the existing Golden Tilefish FMP. For more information visit the MAFMC website at <http://www.mafmc.org/>

Spring Recreational Striped Bass Trophy Permit

Virginia Marine Resources Commission	
Transaction Number: <input type="text"/>	2015
Issue Date: 2015-04-08	
Agent: WEB	DOB: <input type="text"/>
VMRC ID: <input type="text"/>	Hair: <input type="text"/>
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License No. <input type="text"/>	Decal No. <input type="text"/>
OL <input type="text"/>	Price \$0.00
SPRING REC STRIPED BASS TROPHY PERMIT	
Season: May 1 through June 15th 2015	
Any change in your address or other personal information should be provided to the VMRC, within 10 days.	
I hereby certify that all of the above information is true and accurate and I meet all the requirements for purchasing any of these licenses.	
Applicant Signature	
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NEW for this year! Recreational Anglers (16 and older) participating in the Spring Trophy Season (May 1-15 Coastal and May 1 - Jun 1 Bay & Tributaries) for Striped Bass are required to have a Trophy Striped Bass Permit. It's a new online No-Cost permit applicable to each recreational angler (not a boat permit). Permits are available through the VMRC website at www.mrc.virginia.gov. Look under the Recreational Fishing Section for "Striper Trophy Permit". The Trophy Permit is NOT required if you're under 16, fishing from a legally licensed Headboat or Charter Boat. Trophy permits can also be obtained at local VMRC Licensing Agent Locations.

Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC) Mobile App



Need to renew your Fisherman's Identification Program registration? How about check up on the latest recreational fishing regulations? Want to look up the gps position of the artificial reef you're heading to?

It's easy to do with the Virginia Marine Resource Commission's latest update to their Mobile App.

Other things you can connect to are VMRC Contact Info; to report boating accidents, emergencies, and report violations, and the Virginia Saltwater Journal; to record your trip, catch, or make required landing reports for Grouper/Tilefish and soon Trophy Season Striped Bass landings.

Visit the Marine Resource Commission's website for additional information and installation instructions at;

<http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/mobile/>

ANGLER INTERESTS

VMRC : Offshore Virginia Wind Energy Area



As you may have heard, wind turbines are coming to the Atlantic ocean, approximately 24 miles off Virginia Beach. The state of Virginia is working with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to find out how this Virginia Wind Energy Area (WEA) is currently used by fishermen. The information will be used to establish Best Management Practices (BMPs) and develop a Communication Strategy to inform fishermen of the process and provide an opportunities for them to be engaged in the conversation.

If you currently fish in this area, travel through it on you way to other destinations, or think you may want to fish the area after this massive amount of structure is installed, your participation in future meetings is important.

- Jeff Deem, VMRC Finfish Management Advisory Committee Chairman

Clean the Bay Day: June 6, 2015



The 27th Annual *Clean the Bay Day* is on June 6th from 9:00am-Noon. Volunteers all over Virginia, from Hampton Roads to Northern Virginia, from the Eastern Shore to the Shenandoah Valley, work by land and boat to give the Bay a massive spring cleaning every year. Elected officials, their staffs, enlisted men and women, scout groups, churches, small businesses, large corporations and thousands of individuals and families will turn out for this year's Clean the Bay Day. During the 2014 *Clean the Bay Day* more than 6,000 Volunteers worked along our streams and shoreline to remove more than 110,000 pounds of debris from 250 locations.

If you would like more information about Clean the Bay Day visit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation website at <http://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day>

Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirements



If you're 50 years or younger you're required to have completed a Boating Safety Education Course by July 1, 2015. By July 2016, all motorboat operators will be required to have completed a course.

Interested in taking a course on-line? The BoatUS Foundation offers a FREE online boating safety course developed for Virginia. Visit <http://www.boatus.org/courses> to get started.

Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirements

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a boating safety education compliance requirement. The requirement for boating safety education is phased-in over several years and applies to all Personal Watercraft (PWC)* operators and operators of boats with motors of 10hp and greater according to the following schedule:

1. All PWC operators, regardless of age, and motorboat operators 30 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2012;
2. Motorboat operators 40 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2013;
3. Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2014;
4. Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2015;

All motorboat operators, regardless of age, shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.

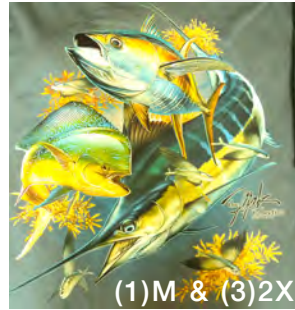
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P O BOX 8422
NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422

The Norfolk Anglers Club was founded in 2005, filling a need for a fishing club in the City of Norfolk. Membership comes from all over the state.

We are family oriented, dedicated to bringing fishermen and their Families together.

Monthly meetings cover both inshore & offshore fishing as well as boating & safety. There are guest speakers covering a variety of topics and monthly raffles.

We also conduct friendly fishing tournaments and cookouts, all with a family atmosphere in mind.

Meetings

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM

The meeting location may vary so please check our web page at

<http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com>

All meetings are open to the public and non-members are welcome to attend.

Membership

Annual dues are:

\$30.00 for an individual
\$35.00 for a family.

Norfolk Anglers Club membership may be obtained by filling out this application and bringing it to the meeting or Membership Application may be mailed to the following address:

NAC
P O BOX 8422
NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422

Point of Contact

Please go to our web page for
CONTACT information

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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_____ \$30.00 Individual

_____ \$35.00 Family

Family membership includes spouse and dependent children only. Family members, please complete the following:

Spouse: _____

Children (under 18)

Names: _____
