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Coming Events

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12th, 7 pm,

All Meetings are Open to the Public, you do not have to be a member to come.

Location: SHIPS CABIN RESTAURANT,

4110 East Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, Va 23518, <http://shipscabinrestaurant.com/>

Guest Speaker: Al Bunnell (aka Al B TidalFish)



Topic: Puppy Drum and big Red Drum (or Channel Bass).

"NAC welcomes Al Bunnell (aka Al B) as our next guest speaker. Al is a widely known and respected angler in the fishing community. Many of you probably know his name from TIDALFISH. Al B is going to share some fishing information about one of his favorite species...Puppy Drum and big Red Drum (or Channel Bass). With the Fall season upon us, now is the time to be thinking "Pups" in inside estuaries and the mass, school migration of bigger Reds out of the Bay and down the Virginia coastline "

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A Message from the Editor

Norfolk, VA – Welcome to the September 2011 edition of the NAC Wireline

WHAT AN OUTSTANDING EFFORT our fellow Norfolk Anglers Club Members put out to win a 2nd place finish in this year's Club Challenge!!!. Be sure and check out the stat's and more details on page 2.

We have an awesome guest speaker this month, Al Bunnell (aka Al B TidalFish) who will be sharing his proven techniques on Puppy Drum and big Red Drum (or Channel Bass)!

Also, our **NAC FALL CRAB, OYSTER, CLAM AND BBQ FEAST** is just around the corner and promises to have great FOOD and FUN for EVERYONE: PLEASE **RSVP W/NUMBER ATTENDING TO jb** AT john.a.brown.jb@gmail.com **NO LATER THAN 27 SEPTEMBER 2011.**

Hope to see all of you at the meeting this Monday, September 12th at 7 pm Ships Cabin Restaurant.

Last, the bite is picking back up after the recent hurricane - So, check out the enclosed reports and then Get out there and Get On 'Em!

Captain Fletcher Dunton, USCG Lisc.
NAC Wireline Editor

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What's Catchin



Inshore – Flounder, Cobia, Bluefish, Red Drum, Black Drum, Puppy Drum, Speckled Trout, Grey Trout, Sea Bass, Croaker and more.

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

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

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



CLUB NEWS!



"2011 CATCHIN' FOR KIDS ANGLERS CLUB CHALLENGE REPORT"

Report By: John Brown, President

Congratulations to Team NAC for finishing a **respectable second of eight teams** that entered this year's Club Challenge !!!



This year's champions, Team Tidalfish, took the trophy (and bragging rights) with a total of 30 points. NAC was a strong second with 25 points. The next closet team had only 11 points. Well done to all 5 Captains and their crews who fished hard from 5am to right before weigh-ins at 530pm. It was a loooong, hot day with not the best cooperation from our targeted species.

We would like to thank Catchin' For Kids for yet another great tournament and recognize all the hard work that goes into an event of this size and caliber.

Finally, congratulations to Team Tidalfish on their win. We'll be "gunning" for them again next year to bring the trophy back to NAC. Here are the overall results:

1. TEAM TIDAL FISH with 30 points
2. NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB with 25 points
3. GBFA with 11 points
- TKAA with 8 points
- TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB with 5 points
- VA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB with 2 points
- PORTSMOUTH ANGLERS CLUB with 2 points
- C.V.S.F.A with 1 point

Pretty Work on the efforts, win or lose, The Kids Win in the end.

Thank you to all who planned & participated!

- The NAC Leadership Team



SAVE THE DATE !!!

**NAC FALL CRAB, OYSTER, CLAM AND BBQ
FEAST. . .**



**Saturday, 1st
October**

4PM Until

**NAC FALL CRAB, OYSTER,
CLAM AND BBQ FEAST !!!**

Folks, it is time for our Fall social event. We cannot think of a better way to usher out summer and welcome our great Fall season than feasting on some local Blue Crab, Oysters, Clams and BBQ.

Lucian and Sandy Montagna have graciously offered to host the event at their home again this year (third year in a row). This is a fun social and food event that you simply do not want to miss. Here are the details:

WHO: All NAC Paid Members – FREE. Non-Members & Guests - \$17.50 per family or \$15.00 for a single adult which will include a ½ year club membership.

WHAT: The club will provide the Blue Crab, Oysters, Clams, BBQ, sides dishes and non-alcoholic beverages. BYOB for those desiring adult beverages.

WHEN: Saturday, 01 October 2011. 4:00 PM start till...

WHERE: 5520 Janet Dr, Norfolk, Va. 23513 (Lucian's cell: 535-6868)

So mark it on your calendars and please plan to attend. Bring lawn chairs and an appetite. Look forward to seeing you all there.

PLEASE RSVP:

WE NEED A HEAD COUNT TO KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO BUY AND PREPARE.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SIGN UP AT MONDAY NIGHTS MONTHLY MEETING, BUT PLAN TO ATTEND THE FALL SOCIAL, PLEASE RSVP W/NUMBER ATTENDING TO [jb AT john.a.brown.jb@gmail.com](mailto:john.a.brown.jb@gmail.com) NO LATER THAN 27 SEPTEMBER 2011. THANKS!!

FISHING REPORT - Fun Day with Ho's on Cobia ~ Fishin Fool 8/17/2011

Report By: Lucian Montagna

Cobia Report

Boat: Fishin Fool

Crew: Steve (athearn), Tyler (tylerhb) & Me

... Took the off and my regulars all had to work so I posted up for ho's, responses soon came in from Steve and Tyler.

Left Little Creek super early 8am (lol), headed up the bay looking for some pullage. Didn't see anything, recieved a call from a bud who said they were working outside the Baltimore so we headed that way.

Shortly after we saw our first cobia and Tyler expertly put an eel where it needed to be and Fish On. Nice little battle and the fish is in the net.

Steve was up next, soon after he had another fish alongside.

I definitely need a tower because we missed too many fish before we found a way to get some height on the boat.

Calm Seas, 2 Cobes and a Great Crew, what else could I have asked for.

Guys you worked hard and did an outstanding job, you are both welcome to fish with me again.

Enclosed pics of Tyler & Steve with their fish.

BTW: I gave my fillet to my yard man, he was very pleased to get the meat.

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Fishin Fool - Captain Lucian



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FISHING REPORT - Triple Paper Day at the Fourth, 8.18.11

Report By: Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower

I was invited to go fishing with Doug Johnson on his boat Driftwood with his brother Ray from Montana looking for flounder and red drum. Prior to heading out Doug had caught some nice size croakers and spots for bait and as we left his Lynnhaven River pier behind his house he netted us a large batch of peanut bunker for bait too. We headed straight to the 4th in a slight chop and made one trip around the island without spotting any reds and in the process found fellow Norfolk Angler Chris Martin fishing the tube of the 4th on the last of the outgoing tide. He was having excellent catches as we saw him pull in two nice sized flounder as we got into position. So we got into position and shortly Ray got a 21" his first flounder. We lost a lot of bait on the tube to black sea bass that were very aggressive. But it didn't take long for the current to die and so did the bite. So as it turned we got into that position and that's when it happened. I hooked a

monster 🤩👍🤩👍. At least for me it was a monster, I thought I was hooked on the bottom at first but that head pull was obvious. Then I thought it was a ray but the head shake told me otherwise. I'd never caught any flounder over 5lbs so

this fish surprised me with his pullage. He came right up and into the net that Doug had ready. Measured 27" 🏆 and

as I weighed him on my digital scale it said 8lbs, 8oz. 😊 (later at Atlantic it weighed 8lb, 12 oz on their scale). I couldn't

believe it. My biggest ever flounder!! 🤩 Caught on a naked menhaden about 5in long on a three way. It had me jumping up and down. We kept at that spot for a while and I caught another but it was only 18". But once the current started ripping we called it quits and went behind the island to look for red drum.



We drifted live spots and croakers in the current towards the bridge and in a short time I had a solid hook up on a red. 🤩👍

👍👍👍 Outstanding run the first time and he even started heading into the bridge at one point and Doug had to maneuver us away from the bridges very carefully. He made continuous short runs and after about 15 minutes we finally saw color. It was at least 46" in our guess. Got him in the net and he as pretty light, skinny even but he made 46", my second paper for the

day. OUTSTANDING. 🤩👍 I revived him with no trouble and off my release paper was done. What a fishing trip. But it wasn't over yet. We then focused on Ray getting a paper. His first ever. It took a little while longer to get a hook up and we seemed to cover the area good but as we slow trolled our baits down the side of the island my rod hooks up and Ray starts his fight. This one was even heavier than mine. It moves us all over the place as it kept trying to get under the boat every time Ray got him near the boat. So Doug maneuvered us around for at least 20 minutes before we saw color. Taking line on long runs several time. Once we saw color he kept running. Finally Ray got him worn out enough to maneuver him to the net and I netted him in one sweep. Measured 47 1/2 inches. Much heavier than mine. Ray's first paper fish and first red drum caught

with any size to them. 🤩👍 He'd caught puppy drum before but nothing this big. So we called it a day. By then the wind was SE 10-15 and getting higher.

Thanks so much Doug for the trip. You made it my best ever trip for flounder and a wonderful two paper day. Thanks to Chris for pointing us to the fish. Great fishing with you guys. Congrats to Ray for his first Virginia paper.

~ Ike

FISHING REPORT - Yellowfin on the Seaduction 9.3.11

Report By: Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



Was invited to fish on Mike Avery's boat for a day trip offshore to the Cigar area out of Rudee. His wife Lanie, Rick Wineman and Steve (never got the last name) and were the crew. Mike had received a good report of some warm water breaking SE of the Cigar and we launched at 4:00AM. Mildly rough heading out in darkness praying we didn't encounter and logs or trees in the water on the way. When we got to the Cigar area at daybreak we get a radio directive from a Navy ship to go around for 20 miles since he's going to have some live fire practice all day. He was sitting on the Cigar so our plans were shot. Our alternative was to go further to start so we headed look for that warm eddy SE. When we got there you could easily tell it was the place to be since it was blue, clear and full of flying fish all over. And birds galore. So we just looked for birds in large groups. As we were trolling and looking for groups of birds we had 3 knockdowns by white marlins with partial hookups and ever saw one hooked, sky then threw the hook. We also had a clean cut off by a wahoo.

But when we found the birds diving into bait and we ran through them we get a triple knock down which ended up with two skipjacks and a solid hook up for Rick that ended up being a 55 lb yellowfin tuna.



We keep looking and shortly after that we get another hookup and I'm on another 55lb yellowfin while two others are skipjacks. 20 minute fight and a solid gaffing by Mike brings my biggest YFT ever in the boat. Man that felt good. Both of these were at

650 fathoms. We had trouble staying in the blue water but at one point we found a pick of plywood about 6' by 8' and run by it and get two hook ups. Both dolphin.



Steve's is a large female and Mike had the Bull dolphin that fought a major fight with lots of skying and a serious aversion to getting gaffed. That Bull ended up being 37 lbs. We backed up to the plywood and found a whole mess of bailer dolphin there so we started throwing pieces of skippy to them and bailed 13 bailer size dolphin to give us a fine finish to the day.





Back at the Virginia Beach Fishing Center we became the center of attraction with dozen's of tourists and locals there for the American Music Festival taking pictures of us with the fish and it was wild. Felt like real celebrities. Great day fishing with everyone. My best ever YFT. At least 25 lbs of tuna filets and mahi filets end up in my freezer vacuum packed.

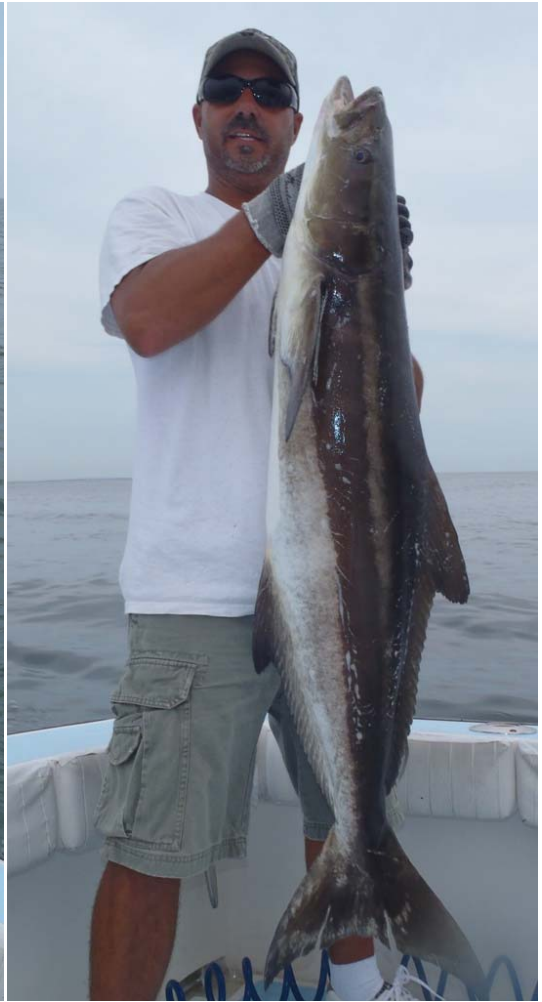
Thanks,
Dr. Ike

FISHING REPORT - MID-AUGUST TO POST IRENE INSHORE FISHING REPORT

Report By: John Brown "JB", President

Since our last club meeting in early August, fishing in the Chesapeake Bay and its estuaries has been exceptional. There have been a variety of species to target and each has provided lots of excitement for anglers.

After a somewhat slow start, Cobia action exploded in mid August with lots of big fish caught and/or released. Some boats saw double digit days. It was the first time I had ever seen 10 or more free-swimming Cobia schooled together. Simply said, they were thick...



Giant Redfish was a big attraction around the 3rd and 4th Islands of the CBBT. Though seen often, and in massive schools, it sometimes took patience and determination to get a bite. Many anglers experienced frustration at seeing these monsters but could not lure a strike. At others times, the fish were willing biters.



Sometimes mixed in among the Reds and sometimes in massive schools of their own, hard fighting Jack Crevalle showed in the bay and around the CBBT islands. The Jack shown below was caught while fishing with Captain Herb Gordon .



The novice fisherman in the photo was actually plugging for Bluefish at the 4th Island when a 47" Jack slammed his Windcheater. 50 minutes later and near dark, the fish came to the net. These guys are brutes and abuse light tackle! We had to replace a stripped out reel handle half way through the fight.

By the way, if you do seek Bluefish in the 2-4 lb range, you can find them around the 3rd and 4th Islands. The spine of each is particularly productive. Cast your Windcheaters as close to the rocks as possible and crank. Flounder action was equally good. Below are a couple of photos taken of a catch made by club members Chris Martin, Louis Glaser and crew. Live bait and jigging both provided outstanding action on the flatties.



Post Irene. I have been in the bay and the ocean twice. Saw a lot of debris ranging from massive grass/weed lines to whole tree trunks. Looked for Cobia but did not see any. Things may improve as the water clears. Be careful if you go – lots of trash in the water that can ruin more than just a day of fishing, ie hulls and motors.



Lastly, I will mention a fine start to my favorite fall fishing species...Speckles. It seems that Irene might have gotten some fall fishes moving. In two recent trips to the Elizabeth River, both have resulted in surprisingly decent catches of Specks. No big sows yet, but plenty action with dinks and some keep size fish to 23". This action should only get better as river temps cool and more fish start their migration. Top water lures, MR-17's and small Storm paddle tails have been productive.

~JB



Thank you for your Reports!!!

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

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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.

We have sizes ranging from Medium to 3X. First come, first serve so be sure to get your T's now while we have abundant stock. Cost is \$15 for all sizes. See "jb" at the next club meeting to get yours.



Picture of the Month ...



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 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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