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Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Don't forget! At the November meeting we continue collecting for the Sea Tow Holiday Stuff-A-Boat Toy drive. The toys collected go to the USMCR Toys-for-Tots program and then distributed to local Hampton Roads children in December.



The Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore was pleased to receive the non-perishable food items we've been collecting.

Items always in need; Lean Canned Protein (Peanut Butter, Tuna, Chicken, Turkey, Beans), Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Fruit Preserves and Dried Fruit, Whole Grains (Pasta, Oatmeal, Rice, Crackers), Other Meals (Stew, Boxed Meals, Canned Pasta), and Baby Products (Formula, Baby Food, Diapers, and Wipes).

We'll have a box for your donations at the door. So take a moment while you're out shopping to pick up a few of the items and bring them to the meeting. We'll take care of getting them to the Food Bank. Thank You for all you've contributed so far. - Will

Meeting

Speckled Trout fishing with Ed Cromwell.

Speckled Trout fishing in Little Creek has been off-the-charts FANTASTIC! Anyone fishing in and around Little Creek jetty or Pretty Lake has likely seen Ed in his Pro Line fishing for Speckled Trout. Join us on November 11, when Ed shares his trout fishing expertise with the club.



Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, 11 November at 7pm

Location:

T Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill

7525 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23505

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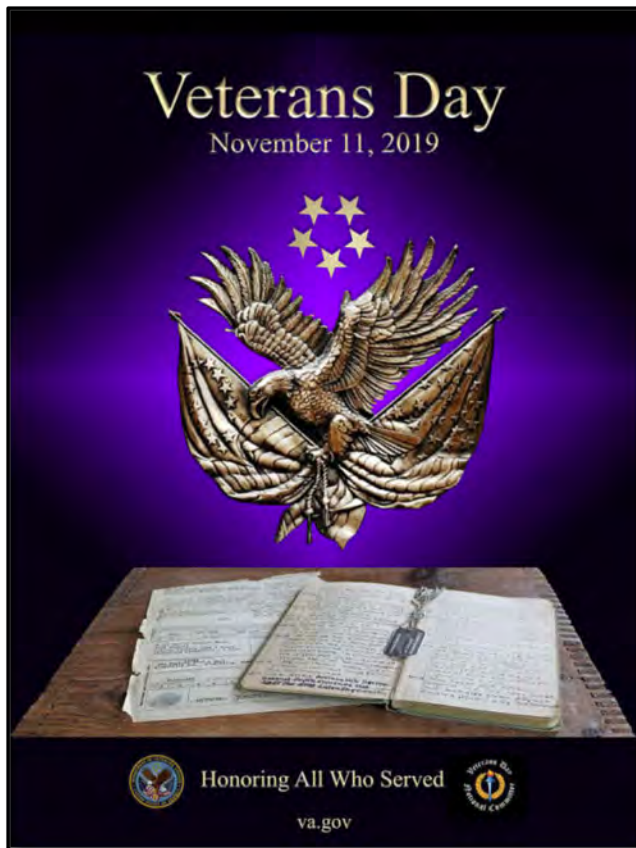
Club Calendar

November

Mon, November 11th, Club Meeting
Tues, November 26th, VMRC Meeting

December

Mon, December 9th, Club Meeting/Holiday Party
Mon-Wed, December 9-11th, MAFMC Meeting
(Annapolis, MD)
Tues, December 17th, VMRC Meeting



The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 marked the cessation of hostilities on the Western European Front after more than four years of horrific conflict. More than 9 million soldiers were lost, 21 million more wounded, and civilian casualties caused indirectly by the war numbered close to 10 million.

Originally called Armistice Day on November 11th to recognize those who died in World War I, "*the war to end all wars*" as it was then described.

However, *the war to end war* was not to be, and following another World War and other conflicts, Armistice Day became Veterans Day to reflect on the sacrifices of Veterans in all wars.

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Virginia Marine Sportfish Collections Project,
Ethan Simpson, Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Virginia Recreational
ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) has a number of great programs supporting the angling community. Among them is the Virginia Recreational Assessment Program, which includes the Saltwater Journal and the Marine Sportfish Collection Project.



The biological sampling program was established in 1989 and the Age and Growth Lab at Old Dominion University was added in 1998 with funding by the Federal Sport Fish Restoration Program (Wallop-Breaux) {see note} and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. VMRC support comes from the Virginia Saltwater License Fund (funds generated from the purchase of every saltwater fishing license). In 2019, the Ageing Lab moved to the Marine Resources Commission offices at Fort Monroe. The Collection Project's focus is the collection and analysis of biological samples from fourteen recreationally important saltwater species in Virginia. Information gained from studying the length, age, and sex of the targeted species aids fishery scientists conduct stock assessments to determine the health of a fishery and establish recommendations for future harvest levels.

Early on in the sampling program the majority of sampling came from the commercial fishing sector. However, for a number of reasons not all the targeted species are available from the commercial fishery. In 2007, the recreational angling community began contributing samples to the Marine Sportfish Collections Project through locally placed freezers at popular landing locations in the Chesapeake Bay region.

Participation in the project is easy! After cleaning your catch, deposit the filleted carcasses (head/tail intact) at one of the collection freezers. Species important to recreational fishing are: Cobia, Red and Black Drum,

Sheepshead, Spanish Mackerel, Speckled Trout (Spotted Sea Trout), Tautog, Blueline Tilefish, Golden Tilefish, Snowy Grouper, Warsaw Grouper, Wreckfish, Bluefish (greater than 16 pounds or 32 inches) and Spadefish (greater than 22 inches).











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The Marine Sportfish Collection Project will focus on species of fish that are difficult to collect through the agency's normal sampling program. Anglers are asked to donate their filleted carcasses (head and tail intact) of legal and fresh-caught:

BLUEFISH (GREATER THAN 36 INCHES)	TAUTOG	COBIA	RED DRUM
			
SHEEPSHEAD	SPADEFISH (GREATER THAN 12 INCHES)	SPANISH MACKEREL	SPECKLED TROUT (SPOTTED SEATROUT)
			
BLACK DRUM	TILEFISH (BLUELINE OR GOLDEN)	WRECKFISH, SNOWY GROUPEL, WARSAW GROUPEL	
			

In return for participating in the project, the agency will provide
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PER MONTH of the DONATION.



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Long Bay Pointe Marina (Virginia Beach)
Lynnhaven Municipal Marina (Virginia Beach)



So,...what do you gain for supporting the Sportfish Collections Project? Well, you can receive a nice tee-shirt like the one pictured right, a hat, or a tape measure.



The real gain though is providing the targeted species for analysis.



Note: Wallop-Breaux Funding is federal funding from the Sport Fish & Wildlife Restoration Program to restore and better manage fishery resources and education. Funds are provided to states as approved grants up to 75% of the project costs.

Fishery scientists use the collected samples to develop knowledge about an individual species. Ageing fish provides information about its rate of growth, sexual maturity, spawning cycles, and how long the species lives. This information supports the development of stock assessments and Fishery Management Plans.

Fishery Management Plans (FMP) are developed and managed within the eight federal fisheries management councils for fisheries that require conservation and management in their region. The goal of these plans are to ensure long-term viability of the fishery and include management goals and objectives to rebuild a stock that has been overfished, prevent overfishing, and provide for maintaining a sustainable harvest. Anglers can learn more about the federal fishery management councils and the US Laws governing their actions by visiting the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/understanding-fisheries-management-united-states>

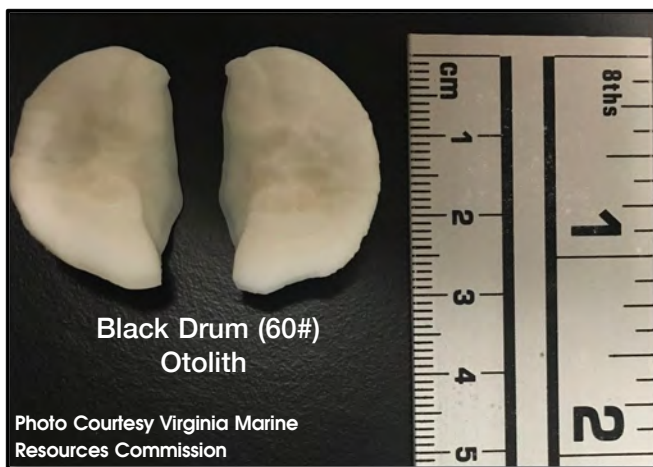
The ageing lab scientists remove primarily three calcified structures from the fish for analysis. Calcified structure include the Otolith, Scales, and Opercula. Depending on the species one or two structures are used to determine the sample's age.

The fish's otolith or ear bone (pictured right) remains with the fish its entire life and is used in ageing each of the fourteen recreational species collected. Scales are also used in addition to otoliths to age Striped Bass and Summer Flounder. For Tautog, otoliths and the opercula are used. The opercula is the boney plate that provides support and protects the gills, a sort of gill cover.

During the year fish grow at differing rates and is reflected in their growth patterns. Over the summer when fish are more actively feeding the growth ring will be wider. Conversely during periods of cooler temperature and slower feed patterns growth rings are more condensed. A set of wide and narrow growth rings would then represent a summer/winter pattern and equal a year's growth. Reading these "rings" is similar to the growth rings on a tree, each ring or layer represents a year of growth. Scales can also be similarly read however, scales can be shed and replaced during the fish's lifespan. The advantage of using scales is they can be collected without killing the fish during field study and collection of samples.



Once removed from the fish the samples are prepared in the lab for examination. Otoliths are cleaned and marked for cutting a precise transverse section from the sample. The thin section is then removed and baked for a few minutes at over 700 degrees fahrenheit. Baking the specimen causes it to turn from an opaque white color to a carmel color, which highlights the layers and



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makes them easier to count. The prepared otolith is then examined under a microscope and an age determination can be made.

Some otoliths, like those from Black and Red Drum can be quite large. Others can be more challenging to read because of small otolith size or very closely aligned rings of a younger and fast growing fish.

Cobia (9 year old)
Transverse Otolith
section



Photo Courtesy of Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Black Drum (47 year old)
Transverse Otolith section

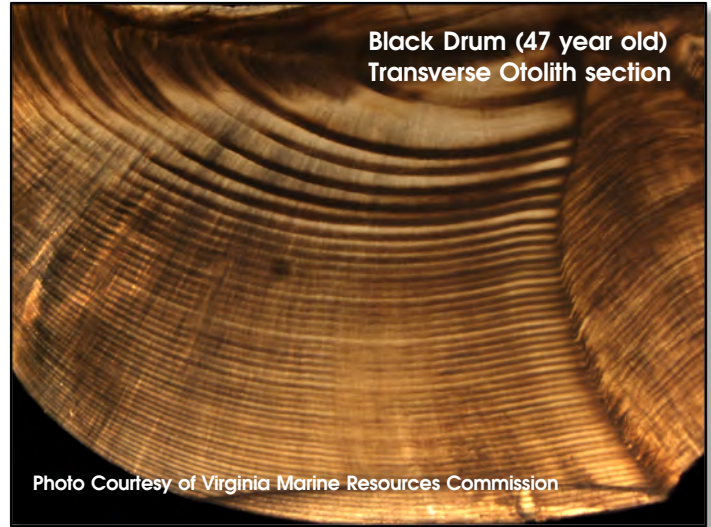


Photo Courtesy of Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Black Drum (11 year old)
Transverse Otolith section



Photo Courtesy of Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Pacific Cod Scale

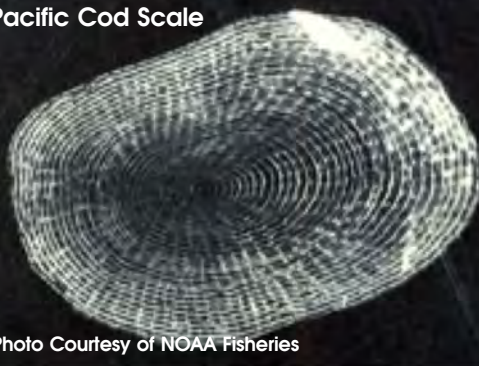


Photo Courtesy of NOAA Fisheries

lost and replaced during the fish's lifecycle. Only scales that have not been replaced can accurately indicate age.

Tautog present a unique challenge for ageing. Their otoliths are exceptionally

small (see photo below) and very difficult to transect and read. To the credit of the ODU Age and Growth Lab, they're able to record Taug ageing on each of the otoliths samples submitted. Another

challenge for ageing Tautog is their scales are not a reliable indication of age. That leaves the opercula as the second best ageing indicator for this species.

Tautog (7year old)
Operculum



Photo Courtesy of Center for Quantitative Fisheries Ecology

Black Drum
Otolith

Tautog
Otolith

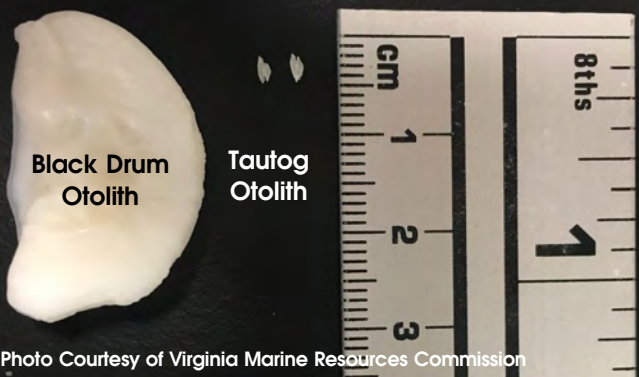


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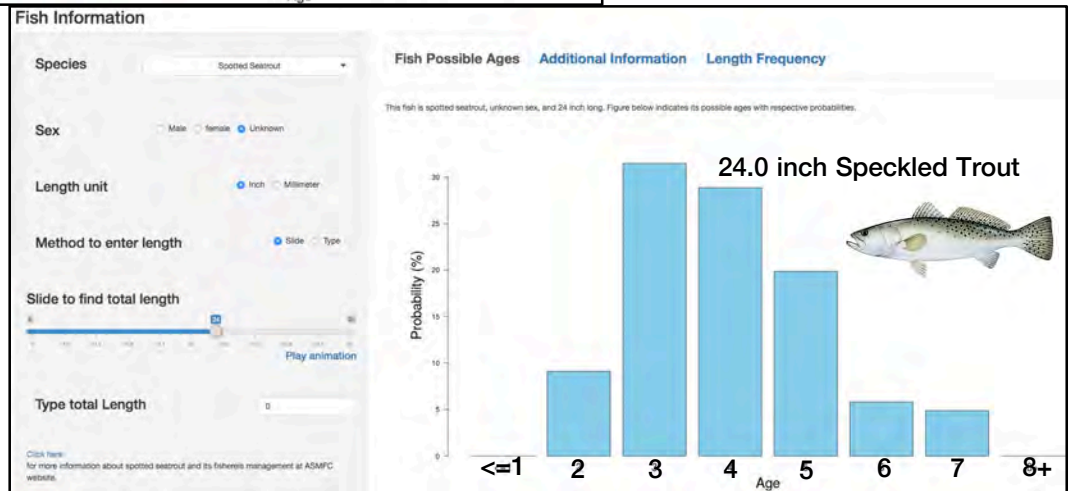
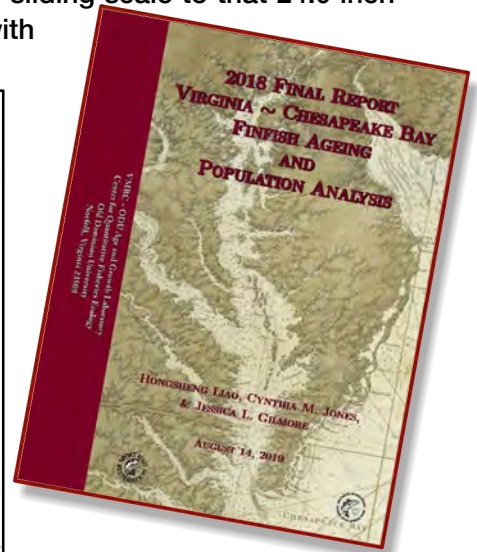
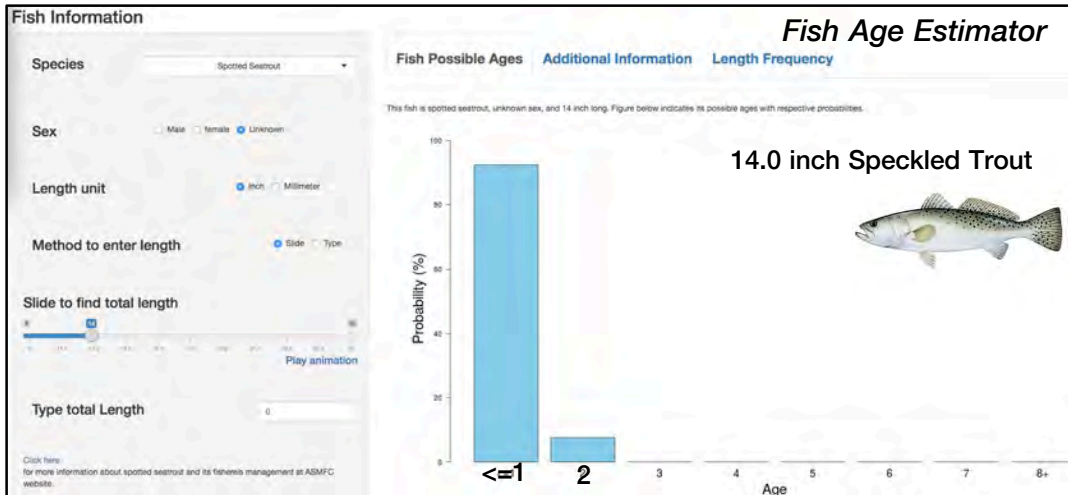
Marine biologists gain valuable insight to the health of our fishery by studying population dynamics of the fish stocks. Your carcass donations are of tremendous value in supporting the project. To participate all you need to do after you fillet one or more of the targeted species is to donate it at one of the collections freezers in the area. Remember to keep the head/tail intact, and if possible weigh the fish ashore before cleaning and record the weight (no guessing!). Freezers are stocked with a plastic bag containing a record form, pencil, and bag for your carcass.

Collection Site Freezer Locations

- Mill's Marina (Seaford)
- Port Messick Marina (Poquoson)
- Long Bay Pointe Marina (Virginia Beach)
- Lynnhaven Municipal Marina (Virginia Beach)
- JEB Little Creek Cove Marina (Virginia Beach)



Want to learn more about the Ageing Lab and information available to anglers? Check out the Center for Quantitative Fisheries Ecology website (<https://odu.edu/sci/research/cqfe/publications>) to review annual *Finfish Ageing & Population Analysis* reports going back to 2001, or select under the CQFE Web App Store their *Fish Age Estimator* and enter information on fish you've caught. The example below from their Fish Age Estimator shows a Speckled Trout (Spotted Sea Trout) at 14.0 inches is most likely a 1 year old fish but could be up to 2 years. Adjust the sliding scale to that 24.0 inch Citation Speckled Trout and you'll find most will fall into the 3-5 year class fish with the greater probability they fall into the 3-4 year class.





Fall



Social

Many THANKS to the Volunteers who helped setup, take down, cook and clean. Specifically, Mike Hubert, Greg Rogers, Kathy & "Ike" Eisenhower, Alex Perez, Ned Smith, Mary & Henry Troutner, and AJ Perez, who we kept busy preparing the crabs for steaming, pulling the pork BBQ, and cooking the Low Country Boil. Well Done AJ you did a fantastic job!

We had near perfect weather and lots of members and their families attended. With the seafood, BBQ, main dishes, side dishes and desserts you made the afternoon perfect. We're glad all of you could make another NAC Fall Social a success!

- Will & Wendy Bransom



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5th Annual TKAA Kayak Fish for Charity Tournament
September 28, 2019 - Striped Bass Division Winner

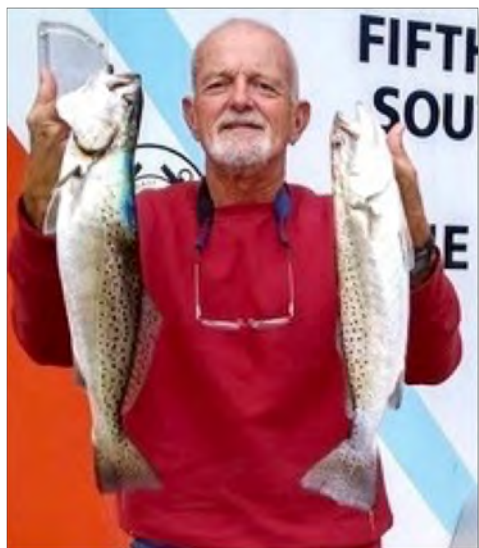
The trophies given out were in the form of plaques and local artwork. Pictured is a striped bass print by Rob Choi. I would like to thank Louis Glaser for bailing me out and letting me borrow a net after I lost mine while fumbling around to get pictures of my trout. I don't think I would have landed this winning striped bass without it. I started off hot with 3 speckled trout on my first 5 casts and found a red for the board early. All trout were on topwater plugs.

I released 6 or 7 trout before switching over to fishing for reds. However, I had to return to the ramp to catch live bait for flounder. It was a 3 hour grind of fighting hard current to get that tiny 13 inch flounder. While flounder drifting, I somehow hooked and landed this striper. It was great overall experience where patterns, skills, timing, and a whole lot of luck played out perfectly. - Brian Tsai

28 SEP: My first kayak tournament resulted in victory for the TKAA Striper Division. I also finished 4th in the 3 species slam-speckled trout, red drum and flounder. This is a catch and release photograph length submission charity tournament.




12-18 OCT: Mary, Kate, a few buddies and I have been fishing about 3 days a week this October so I thought I'd just submit a summary. Striper fishing at the James River and Chuckatuck Bridge has been on and off. We've had days when we caught 15 fish and other days 1 or 2. Most are short but we get our share of keepers. We're marking a ton a fish, fishing the various tides, trolling and jigging but cannot figure a pattern for the bite. It's either on or off. The Speckled Trout bite is on for everyone. This is the first year since I've moved to Virginia that I actually targeted them, I've been missing out on some great sport. Unlike Louis and Ike, I just can't get the hand of Mirror lures, maybe they'll take mercy and show me the trick someday. We've caught all ours on jigs with Electric Chicken Z-Man's. Although we caught fish at the little Creek Jetties, they've all been short. The decent fish we've caught have all been off the end of the dock where I keep my boat on Little Creek. No trophies but some really nice fish 19" - 22." - Henry Troutner



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Cobia, tagged and released

29 SEP: On a Sunday morning, we arrived at the Columbia Tug wreck at the end of the ebb tide. We first drifted the wreck with two ounce Buck tails for Flounder and I was surprised by a 37 inch Cobia. The Cobia was quickly tagged and released.

Once the incoming tide started flowing, we went back to the wreck and anchored up.

Using cut blue crab we caught four Tautog up to 15.5 inches, two small Black Sea Bass, and a Triggerfish. One of the Togs was previously tagged.

The tag number was recorded and the 11 inch Tautog was released with tag intact. I'm looking forward to receiving the Tagging history on that fish.



Triggerfish, tagged and released.



A Spanish Mackerel that won its freedom twice.

While fishing the bottom, a school of Spanish Mackerel passed by, harassing Glass Minnows. We switched over to casting Gotcha plugs and spoons. We caught three Spanish up to 24 inches. One of the Spanish had vicious bite marks on its side that may have been from the day before. We released that one which acted healthy despite its wounds.

Once the fast running current slowed the bite down, we pulled anchor and headed in.
- Alex Perez



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21 OCT: I had a double limit on big trout in the morning with my buddy Al. They were all over 20 inches. We released a bunch up to 19 inches. It was a great day in the creek.
- James Robinson



6 OCT: I fished with my nephew Kevin Glaser and his son Austin Glaser in Little Creek in the morning and got our limit of speckled trout using an assortment of Mirror Lures. *The fish are getting bigger!* - Louis Glaser



14 OCT: I fished with Jerry Gaines and James Ike Eisenhower in the morning in Little Creek and had our limit in the first hours. All trout were caught on Mirror Lures. There are a lot of quality fish!
- Louis Glaser

11-12 OCT:
I went speckled trout fishing with Ed Jr. Cromwell in Little Creek and Pretty Lake. We fished from 3:00pm to 7:00pm on both evenings. Our first trip started at the inlet with winds 20 plus mph.



We caught a few speckled trout but after getting hit with a 4-foot wave, we decided to go into Petty Lake. We pick up several bigger speckled trout using Mirrolures 20s and 52s. The next trip we fished Pretty Lake with the same lures. The bite was constant and we caught our limit. All the speckled trout were high quality fish with the largest being 21 ½ inches. *Thanks Ed, for some great trips!* - Ned Smith



13 OCT: I had a good catch of trout in the morning. I limited out and culled a bunch trying to get that big boy. I left them biting at noon.

– James Robinson



25 OCT: Mike Davis took George Grinnin, Mike Burton and I fishing on a Friday. The excursion was scheduled for a short one. Our target species were trout and redfish. We went to the NIT and anchored up just outside the restricted area there. The redfish did not cooperate at all, but the speckled trout provided non-stop action for the over 2 hours we had to spend on the water. The fish were a little particular but not too bad. The hot ticket was a red and white sinking mirrolure about 2 ½ inches long (sorry I don't know the #). Soft plastics were a good choice too. Oddly the color didn't seem to matter as much as the size of the bait being used. We caught fish on white, chartreuse, orange, pink and green-if memory serves. We probably hundred or more fish! Only one fish was a keeper though at 18 ½ inches, it was supposed to grace Georges table but managed to chew a hole in the bag it was in while being handed over the rail to the pier. *Thank you Mike Davis for a great time on the water!* - Mike Hubert



15 OCT: We had an over the double limit type of day on speckled trout. Pictured is my buddy Al holding one trout. They were all quality fish. We had lots of releases too! – James Robinson





13 -15 OCT: On the 13th, Bert and I went speckled fishing in Little Creek for 4 hours. We got out there about 9:00am and had sunny skies, low winds, high water and fast current. The bite was slow at first but it picked up after the first hour of fishing.

We limited out and left them biting. The bite was on light color Mirrolures 20s and 52s, and Paul Brown Originals. On the 15th trip, Bert took Taylor Lyne and I to Little Creek for speckled trout.

We fished 5 hours on incoming tide, with 12 to 15 mph SSE winds. The winds made it difficult to cast but the bite was red hot on the whole trip. In total, we caught over 40 speckled trout in the 17 - 22" range. All lure colors produced fish; Mirrolures 20s, 27s, 17s, and 52s. At this time of the year the speckled trout have big shoulders.

- Ned Smith



Chuck Kahlert: *I do not fish anymore. I know it is expensive to buy weights now. I have lots of various size weights to get rid of at a very reasonable price. Everyone can contact me at vze29wtp@verizon.net Thank You ! Chuck AKA Flounderman*

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- 2 coffee containers of 6-12 oz weights
- 1 small container of lures
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- A folding rod and fishing container with wheels
- A container with premade up Tog, Spade and Sea bass rigs



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14 OCT: On a Monday at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT), I fished the last two hours of the incoming tide through the first two hours of the ebb tide. I set up over the tunnel tubes using Zman shrimp and Mirrolure Mirrodines. The Speckled Trout bit all morning, up to 19 inches as I rotated between lures. All speeds of retrieve worked but I had to figure out which speed was working at that moment. Between the Speckled Trout bites, I also caught a Lizardfish and three Blowfish. During slack tide, I caught three Flounder up to 14.5 inches that bit on the Zman Shrimp. Once the outgoing tide picked up speed, the trout began to bite again. This time Puppy Drum in the 15-20 inch range joined the fun. - Alex Perez



Speckled trout, tagged and released.



7 OCT: I fished early in the morning in Little Creek with Austin Glaser and Ben Anderson, we had a great time! We ended up catching 23 speckled trout, all caught on Mirror Lures. - Louis Glaser

18 OCT: I fished with Jerry Gaines and Domique in Pretty Lake because the wind were howling. We had quality trout on this day, all caught on Mirror Lures. (MR 52 & MR 27). - Louis Glaser



Mid OCT:
Friends, John
and Sue from
PA came to visit
for a long
weekend. With
the opening of
Striper season
upon us, John
from PA, John
from the C.G.
Aux and I spent
a very
successful
morning on the
James River and
Tributaries.



We caught a total of 15 rockfish, keeping our 3 fish limit and releasing the other 12. The fish were thick along the bridge and had 2 fish on several times. All were caught near the structure of bridges on Stretch 20's or Z-Man Electric Chicken jigs.

Hopefully this is the beginning of a great year.

- Henry Troutner

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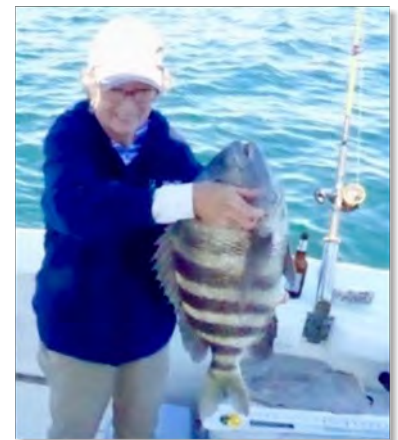
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24 OCT: Mary, John Curry and I hit a couple inshore wrecks trying for tautog. We were loaded with fiddlers and plenty of cut bait. I don't understand how three people can be fishing the same boat, rigs and bait, while only one, Mary, catches all the decent fish. Although we all had a steady pick and no one caught a tautog, Mary out fished us again.

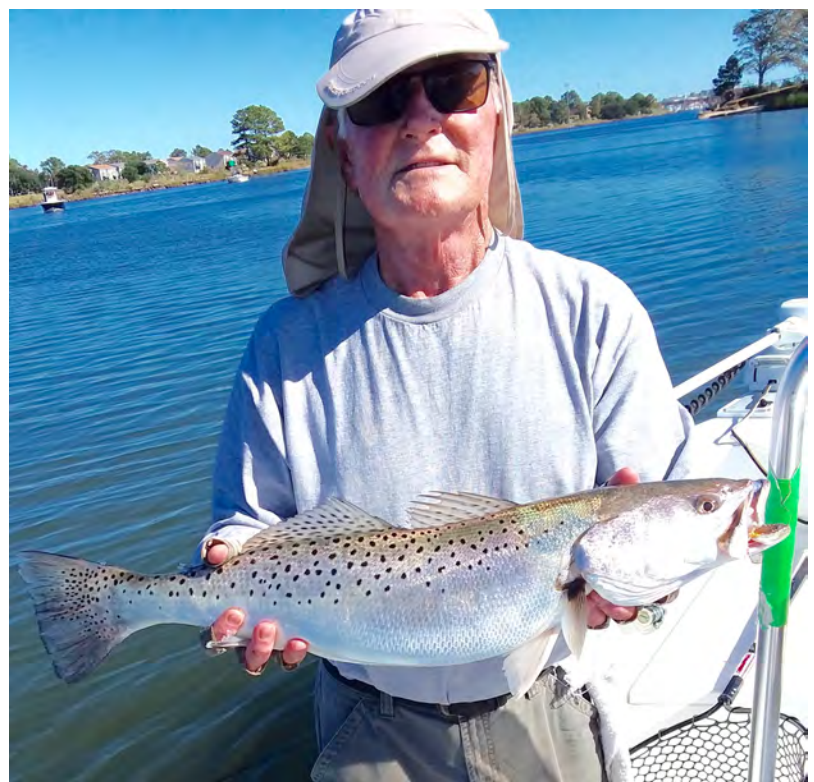


After about 3 hours fishing, she had caught 6 very nice triggers while we caught none. Although John did catch 1 keeper sea bass, Mary had 2. *Mary ended the day with an 11 pound citation sheephead. It's just not right.*

- Henry Troutner



24 OCT: I was standing on the Bay Point retaining wall casting for speckled in Little Creek when a fishing buddy (Sheldon Arey) came by in his boat and asked me to fish with him. I accepted and we headed to Pretty Lake. I had a rod/reel, 1 green back 52 MR, and a few jig heads and rubber tails with me. We anchored and fished at several places during the next few hours and caught a mix of shorts and keeper size speckled trout. All were tagged and released by Sheldon (a well know speckled trout fisherman and tagger). The current was slow moving when I threw my 52 MR into the channel and almost instantly I hooked up with a heavy fish. Sheldon netted, tagged, and released the 25 1/2" speckled trout, weighing unofficially 6 plus lbs. We fished another hour with some success and then he dropped me off. *Thank you Sheldon for that great experience!*
- Ned Smith





Oct 13: When the Speckled Trout are around most days you can find Louis on his skiff. I was glad when Louis, Burt Whitt, and I could get together and do some fishing together. Louis is the person who got me in to saltwater fishing some 11 years ago. I absolutely enjoy my time fishing with Louis.

So we headed out early on a Sunday morning and fished the Little Creek jetties right at sunrise. We fished topwater lures for a while and switched over to suspending and sinking lures. If there's one thing I've learned from Louis about Speckled Trout is we try few different lures until we find what they're striking on that day. Then it's game on!

When the bite slowed we moved into Pretty Lake and gave it a try. On this same day they were generally a smaller class of fish in the Lake. We kept our limit and tagged and released 16 more. At the dock we were greeted by the Access Point Angler Intercept Survey, or APAIS, representative and had him gather our harvest data for the day.

It was a great day on the water, Thank You Louis!
- Will Bransom



Red Drum

Lynnhaven Sunrise

26 OCT: I departed the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp on a Saturday morning with a beautiful sunrise ahead of me. I ran to the third island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) and began throwing a Zman EZShrimp on the down current side of the island. I caught an eleven inch Speckled Trout which received a tag and was thrown back. Action remained slow for the next couple of hours until the tide turned and began flowing out. I switched to the other side of the island and began catching more trout. While the current was still slow, I did catch two Flounder, up to 14 inches. I alternated between a Mirrolure and the EZShrimp and ended the day with six Speckled Trout and two Puppy Drum mixed in. - Alex Perez



Speckled Trout



Flounder





I did a lot of Speckled Trout fishing in Little Creek with Louis Glaser in October. It is usually a great month to fish speckled trout each year but this year has been exceptional. The speckled trout have been consistently available at the jetties and when the wind doesn't allow you to go there to fish, we have found them in the Pretty Lake usually in shallow water. This month I fished with Louis in the Little Creek eight times and most of those days we had our limit of ten in a matter of a couple of hours.

The last week I actually fished with him four days, sometimes with a third person like Taz, Gerry Gaines or Thomas, then we would usually catch three limits and throw back another dozen or more. Most were 18-22 inches. One October 22, it was particularly exceptional because we also caught over a dozen puppy drum and of these one was 18 inches and one was 19 inches, the first keeper size puppies that we had caught all year. That day I also released three club minimums, 20, 21 and 22 inch trouts and kept three that were weighed at Ocean's East. They were over 3 pounds, good for club minimums. At this point I am only keeping fish if I have someone specific to give them to and am trying to get a state citation release. All fish have been caught on MirrOlures, 17's, 27's and 52's of almost every color I have depending on the sunlight and current.



The puppies liked rubber baits on jigs and were caught close to the jetties. Finding the fish was the challenge each day depending on the wind.

- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



Angler Interests

Little Creek Inlet Restricted Area Effective September 9, 2019:

August 8, 2019
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Engineer has established a restricted area in waters surrounding Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story:

APPLICANT

Commanding Officer
Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story
2600 Tarawa Court, Suite 100
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-3297

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE RESTRICTED AREA: The restricted area has been established within Fisherman's Cove and Little Creek Harbor adjacent to Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Little Creek (JEBLCFS) in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

ACTION: Establishment of a restricted area published at 33 CFR §334.305 "Little Creek Harbor, Fisherman's Cove, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Little Creek, Virginia, Restricted Areas."

This regulation, promulgated by the Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District prohibits certain activities from being conducted within the restricted areas at certain times without prior authorization.

AUTHORITY: Pursuant to Section 7 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1917 (40 Stat. 266; 33 U.S.C. 1) and Chapter XIX of the Army Appropriations Act of 1919 (40 Stat. 892; 33 U.S.C. 3), the District Engineer has authorized the establishment of restricted areas in waters of the United States adjacent to JEBLCFS within Fisherman's Cove and Little Creek Harbor in Virginia Beach, Virginia as follows:

THE REGULATION: 334.305 Little Creek Harbor, Fisherman's Cove, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Little Creek, Virginia, Restricted Areas.

(a) The Little Creek Restricted Areas. The Little Creek Restricted Areas consist of two distinct areas: The Outer Harbor Restricted Area and the Inner Harbor Restricted Area.

(1) The Outer Harbor Restricted Area. The waters within an area beginning at latitude 36°55'57.7" N, longitude 76°10'35" W; thence southwesterly to a point at latitude 36°55'53" N, longitude 76°10'44" W, thence southerly to latitude 36°55'21.2" N, longitude 76°10'42" W; thence southwesterly to latitude 36°55'18.3" N, longitude 76°10'49" W; thence northwesterly to a point in Fisherman's Cove at latitude 36°55'22" N, longitude 76°11'15.5" W; thence southerly to latitude 36°55'19.2" N, longitude 76°11'16" W, thence easterly near the southern shoreline of Fisherman's Cove, to latitude 36°55'15.8" N, longitude 76°10'58.8" W; and ending at latitude 36°55'18" N, longitude 76°10'30" W; thence to the point of origin.

(2) The Inner Harbor Restricted Area. The waters within Little Creek Harbor south of a line beginning at latitude 36°55'15.8" N, longitude 76°10'58.8" W; and ending at latitude 36°55'18" N, longitude 76°10'30" W.

(b) The regulations.

(1) The Outer Harbor Restricted Area. All privately owned vessels, properly registered and bearing identification in accordance with Federal and/or State laws and regulations, and all Government owned vessels (public vessels) may enter or exit the waters described in subparagraph (a)(1) at any time and transit inbound/outbound of the marked dredged channel leading to Little Creek Harbor between jetties 8 miles westward of Cape Henry Light. All vessels transiting inbound/outbound of the channel except as noted in subparagraph (c)(2) shall proceed at speeds commensurate with minimum wake. Any vessel equipped with a marine radio can monitor VHF-FM channel 12 for message traffic from Little Creek Port Control.

When Commanding Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story is ordered to implement Force Protection Conditions (FPCONs) Charlie/Delta, or when specific authority is granted by the District Engineer, all vessel traffic movement can be restricted except for those vessels in paragraph (c)(2). FPCONs are a system of protective measures used by the Department of Defense (DOD) installations to guard against and deter terrorist attack. Senior commanders assign the FPCONs for their region, and installation commanders may raise FPCONs and tighten security measures based on local conditions. In the event FPCONs Charlie/Delta is implemented by the Commanding Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek, which requires the restriction of vessel traffic movement in the Outer Harbor Restricted Area, the installation will coordinate with the U.S. Coast Guard, Fifth District; Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District; state and local law enforcement and governmental authorities; to disseminate information to the public and local news media outlets. Information on whether vessel traffic movement has been restricted in the Outer Harbor Restricted Area due to the implementation of FPCONs Charlie/Delta will also be published and disseminated by the U.S. Coast Guard.

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(2) The Inner Harbor Restricted Area. All vessels or persons intending to transit inbound/outbound of the Inner Harbor Restricted Area shall request permission from Little Creek Harbor Port Control using VHF-FM channel 12 prior to transiting and will provide their destination/ intentions with the exception of those listed in paragraph (c)(2) below. The Inner Harbor Restricted Area is restricted to those privately owned vessels or persons calling upon the commercial/private piers located within the Inner Harbor and Government owned vessels (public vessels) transiting to and from U.S. Navy or U.S. Coast Guard facilities and authorized DOD patrons of the U.S. Navy recreational marina. No other vessels or persons may enter or exit this area unless specific authorization is granted by Commanding Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, and/or other persons or agencies as he/she may designate.

(3) All vessels or persons transiting inbound/outbound of the Inner Harbor Restricted Area are subject to all applicable federal and state laws including laws or regulations designed to protect the naval facility and persons or vessels assigned therein. Federal and state law enforcement officials may at any time take action to ensure compliance with their respective laws. In addition, this regulation authorizes Navy security personnel, designated by Commander, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story or persons authorized to act in his/her behalf, the authority to ascertain the identity and intent of any vessels and/or persons transiting the restricted area that indicate by way of appearance or action they are a possible threat to government assets. If a determination is made that the vessel and/or persons are a threat to government assets located within the restricted area, Navy security units may take actions as provided by law or regulation that are deemed necessary to protect government personnel and assets located within the restricted area.

(c) Enforcement.

(1) The regulation in this section, promulgated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, U.S. Coast Guard, local/state law enforcement, and/or persons or agencies as he/she may designate during emergency situations.

(2) Federal and state law enforcement vessels and personnel may enter anywhere in the restricted area at any time in the operation of their statutory missions or to enforce their respective laws.

(3) Nothing in this regulation is deemed to preempt 33 CFR 165.501

(4) Vessels or persons calling upon the commercial/private piers located within the Inner Harbor with proper identification and clearance will be allowed entry subject to the same provisions described in Section 334.305(b). Commanding Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story reserves the right to temporarily deny entry in emergency situations, elevated DOD FPCONs in the Harbor, or other safety of navigation constraints.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 2019

DURATION: This order shall remain in effect until changes or formal regulations are developed.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For the latest information regarding the restricted area modification contact Nicole Woodard, Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch at 757-201-7122 or check the website at <https://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Media/Public-Notices/>. For permission to enter the area contact Little Creek Harbor Port Control using VHF-FM channel 12 or for information regarding technical issues associated with the restricted area, contact The Executive Officer, Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, 2600 Tarawa Court, Suite 100, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456-3297.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

William T. Walker
Chief, Regulatory Branch










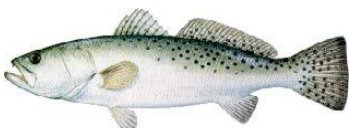





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<u>BLUEFISH</u> (GREATER THAN 36 INCHES) 	<u>TAUTOG</u> 	<u>COBIA</u> 	<u>RED DRUM</u> 
<u>SHEEPSHEAD</u> 	<u>SPADEFISH</u> (GREATER THAN 12 INCHES) 	<u>SPANISH MACKEREL</u> 	<u>SPECKLED TROUT</u> (SPOTTED SEATROUT) 
<u>BLACK DRUM</u> 	<u>TILEFISH</u> (BLUELINE OR GOLDEN) 	<u>WRECKFISH, SNOWY GROUPER, WARSAW GROUPER</u> 	

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