



**THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB**

# **WIRELINÉ**

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# Leadership Notes...

*Thank You*, to all who made our Fall Social such a great time. With perfect weather, great food, and fantastic friends it was an event not to be missed.

Support for the canned food drive has been great! We're continuing our canned food drive so your continued support is crucial to help those in need.

Time for 2015 membership renewal is upon us. We've included our Membership Application in this month's Wireline. Your financial support for our club is important. Please take the time to complete the form and drop it off to Ned Smith (Treasurer).

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

*Will*

## MEETING



### Guest Speaker : Captain Herb Gordon

We're very fortunate to have Captain Herb Gordon joining us for our November meeting to share more than 30 years experience as an inshore & offshore Charter Captain. With the fall temperatures dropping, Rockfish season is quickly approaching. Want to get the season off to the right start? Then join us on November 10th and hear Captain Gordon share his extensive experience catching Rockfish.



### Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday November 10, 7 pm

### Location:

Teppanyaki Buffet - 7525 Tidewater Dr Norfolk VA 23505

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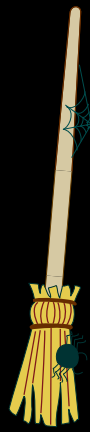
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# 2014 Fall Social



On 18 October, we had about 40 NAC members enjoying a feast of barbeque turkey, yummy oysters, homemade rolls and pies with so much more! A fun time was had by all.

Thanks for our hosts Will & Wendy and all the volunteers who made the Fall Social another great success!









# Fishing Tips....



## Speckled Trout Fishing

Guest Speaker: Captain David Hester, Fishy Business Charters

Conditions: Captain Hester tells us when fishing for Speckled Trout it's more about water movement than a specific tidal flow. Fishing at night can yield very large Specs. Look for a night with No Moon or 1/4 to 1/2 Moon. Large Trout will generally come up to the grass beds at night to ambush prey and will remain in deeper water during the day.

Technique: Stealth is crucial! So BE QUIET. Cast up-current and drift your lure past the fish. Speckled Trout are ambush feeders and are more likely to strike a natural presentation. Remember to take up the slack as it comes by or you'll not feel the strike.

Tackle: Uses 10-12 lb Smoke colored Spiderwire with a 20 lb Fluorocarbon Leader (not Fluorocarbon Line). Leader should be as long as possible but don't allow the leader-to-braid knot to reach the reel's bail. Generally that's a 6-7 ft leader. Captain Hester prefers a G-Loomis 7-7 1/2 ft stiff spinner rod and Shimano Sustain 3000 or Stella reel.

Captain Hester uses artificial lures, primarily Lucky Craft, Smithwick, Paul Mann, and MirrOlure. Lure selection depends on the wind conditions as much as anything else. Heavier lures, like the Paul Mann Fat Boy (Corky), are idea for windy days. Lucky Craft lures; Jackal Squadminnow, Slender Pointer series. Smithwick; Perfect 10 Rogue. MirrOlure; MR17 (with feathers).

Fishing the Elizabeth River: Captain Hester can't imagine a better fishing area for Speckled Trout than the Elizabeth River. When asked his opinion of the Dominion Power Plant closure he shared that the plant's been an artificial draw for years and it's conditioned the trout to warmer waters. Its closure will certainly affect the fishery as the water temperature changes. As the water cools the Trout will become sluggish and less likely to bite. They'll still be there but much harder to catch.





# Fishing Reports from 20 OCT



Went out fishing the Elizabeth River with Ned after a cold front came through over the weekend. We focused on specks and started the day at St. Julien Creek but only caught undersized fish all morning. Ned must of caught about a dozen with pink plastics with flat tail on a lead head jig as I only caught a few with MR17's and



24's. We moved around and still caught next to nothing in most of our regular places along the ER as the tide went out. But in our search about an hour before low tide we found a spot in about 7 ft of water on a bank that held a school and we finished the day catching a double limit of keeper sized specks 18-21 inch. All were caught using a Paul Brown Fat Boy with chartreuse tail. The extra weight of this lure made it easier to cast into the wind that picked up in the afternoon. - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



I caught it on a Rapala Shad Rap in a Virginia Beach Lake. It broke an old trout net right at the canoe.  
- Larry Maggi



Caught a Red Drum 23" in the Lynnhaven Inlet casting Jig head with gulp Curley tail. Tagged & Released one 16" red  
- Jimmy Robinson



# More Fishing Reports



Fishing for Speckled Trout in Little Creek on 20 OCT when I caught this 23" Flounder on a MR52 mirrolure.

Then on 27 OCT, Taz Humphrey and I went into Little Creek and caught 2 Speckles just over 20".

- Louis Glaser



## Anchoring Tip!

Marking your anchor rode is a quick way to know exactly how much anchor line you've let out. Too much line can result in getting your line snagged on structure as the boat drifts around as you fish.

One method is to apply a mark at every 25 feet using a waterproof marking material. Paint doesn't seem to last long and will fade quickly (Done that!). I switched to Star Brite's Liquid Rope Whipping compound and it's lasted more than five years before needing to be re-applied. It's extremely durable and holds up well to the abuse my windless provides.

My method is to use a small Green band for each 25 feet and a large Red band for each 100 feet.

- Will Bransom





# Red Drum Afternoon

By Janet Taylor 20 SEP 14

We knew a front was coming in but Neal & I decided to go for it and try for some big Red's. Luckily most of the weather remained at the shoreline; it was pretty nice at CBBT 3rd Island, overcast but dry. We were using large fresh cut mullet. Soon after we got set up "fish on" a nice 45" then a 48" and then came BUBBA with my personal best ever 52". Neal then got hooked up on a 50" Big Boy that was also released. The action was constant for the next 3 hours with a total of 9 releases.



The fish were healthy specimen of big Red Drum, powerhouses in every way. No better way to spend a stormy afternoon. With a Great Captain & Love of my Life!





# Mahi Trip 30 SEP - Wahoo Trip 10 OCT



These were offshore trips going 70 to 80 miles out. CAPT Neal Taylor and the boys were on both trips on the Katherine Anne!  
Submitted by Janet Taylor



*considered a very sustainable species because of their relatively short lifespan (4-5 years), rapid growth and reproduction patterns.*

***Mahi-Mahi*** - Colorful, Powerful, one of the most voracious feeders and fastest-growing species in the ocean. Catches average 15-29 lbs and are a highly sought for Sport Fishing as well as Commercial catch. Often found in schools feeding under floating objects, weed lines, seaweed, and around offshore buoys. Mahi-Mahi are





# ANGLER INTERESTS

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## VMRC to raise Saltwater Recreational License fees



**October 28, 2014:** The Marine Resources Commission voted to raise Saltwater Recreational License fees effective January 1, 2015. Citing that licensing fees haven't been raised for a number of years, and the need to preserve important angler programs the Commission voted (8-0-1) raise Recreational License Fees.

## VMRC Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Striped Bass Regulations

**December 9, 2014:** REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed amendments to Chapter 4 VAC 20-252-10 et seq., "Pertaining to the Taking of Striped Bass" to comply with Addendum IV to Amendment 6 to the Atlantic Striped Bass Interstate Fishery Management Plan. The Commission voted unanimously to advertise for a December 9, 2014, Public Hearing for proposed amendments to CHAPTER 4 VAC 20-252-10 ET SEQ. "PERTAINING TO THE TAKING OF STRIPED BASS" to include any measures adopted and approved, relative to Virginia Striped Bass fishery management, by the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Board on October 29, 2014; and to establish a spring recreational striped bass trophy permit and sanctions pertaining to the failure to submit mandatory harvest reports

## Daylight Savings Time!



**2:00a.m. Sunday November 2, 2014:** Set your clocks back one hour for Daylight Savings Time. Might want to check with your local Marina or Dry Storage Facility for revised operating hours.

## 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.

## Catchin' for Kids Rockfish Tournament



**December 5th and 6th, 2014:** Hosted at Vinings Landing Marine Center as in previous years. Current Rules and Regulations are available at the [www.catchinforkids.org](http://www.catchinforkids.org) website



# T-Shirts for SALE


Check them out at the next meeting! \$15.00 for short sleeves and \$18.00 for long sleeve



**Wear your Norfolk  
Anglers Club Tee-Shirt  
to the meeting and get  
a free raffle ticket!!**





 <p><b>P O BOX 8422</b> <b>NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>We are family oriented, dedicated to bringing fishermen and their Families together.</p> <p>Monthly meetings cover both inshore &amp; offshore fishing as well as boating &amp; safety. There are guest speakers covering a variety of topics and monthly raffles.</p> <p>We also conduct friendly fishing tournaments and cookouts, all with a family atmosphere in mind.</p>	<p><b>Meetings</b></p> <p>Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM</p> <p>The meeting location may vary so please check our web page at <a href="http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com">http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com</a></p> <p>All meetings are open to the public and non-members are welcome to attend.</p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Annual dues are:</p> <p>\$30.00 for an individual \$35.00 for a family.</p> <p>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:</p> <p><b>NAC</b> <b>P O BOX 8422</b> <b>NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422</b></p> <p><b>Point of Contact</b></p> <p>Please go to our web page for <b>CONTACT</b> information</p>	<p><b>Membership Application</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____ ZIP: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Annual Dues: _____</p> <p>_____ \$30.00 Individual</p> <p>_____ \$35.00 Family</p> <p>Family membership includes spouse and dependent children only. Family members, please complete the following:</p> <p>Spouse: _____</p> <p>Children (under 18)</p> <p>Names: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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