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Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Don't forget to bring a new and unwrapped toy to the meeting for the Sea Tow Hampton Roads *Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive!*

The Norfolk Anglers Club was the first to start collecting toys and we're still going strong thanks to your generosity. Because the toy drive closes out in early December, this will be the last meeting opportunity to make a child's holiday so much brighter.

For each toy you donate Ed & Karen Schrader will provide a ticket to win a Sea Tow annual membership (\$179 value). Thanks to their continued support to the Norfolk Anglers Club, you not only have a chance to do something wonderful for the children but also benefit some peace of mind while out on the water.



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MEETING

Guest Speaker : *Mark Lozier Speckled Trout on Light Tackle*

Interested in learning about Kayak Fishing? How about catching Speckled Trout on Light Tackle? Mark Lozier of *1st Landing Kayak Fishing Services* is joining us to share more than 15 years of experience fishing Hampton Roads waters. Specializing in light tackle fishing for Speckled Trout, Red Drum, and Flounder, Mark's presentation is one not to be missed!



Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, November 9th at 7 pm

Location:

[Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet](#)

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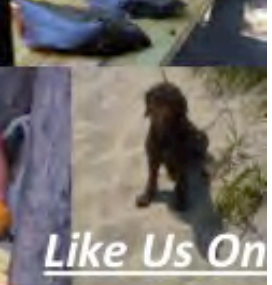
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NAC Annual Fall Picnic

The Norfolk Anglers Club had a great time at their Annual Fall Picnic. Special thanks to Will and Wendy for hosting and to all who helped set up and take down the event. Our cooks below kept busy making all the fixings consisting of Oysters, Blue Crab, Pork BBQ, Hamburger and Smoked Sausage. Many of the NAC ladies brought delicious side dishes of cole slaw, pasta salad, mac n' cheese, salad and home made rolls. We also had very tasty deserts of pumpkin pie, chocolate cake, snicker doodle cookies, cream puffs, eclairs and lemon cake.



Great Eats!

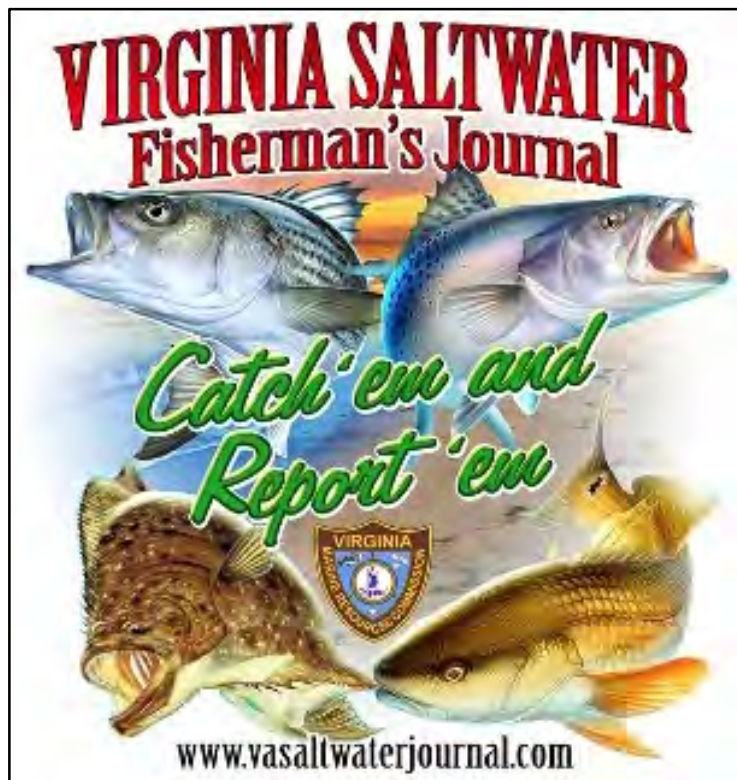
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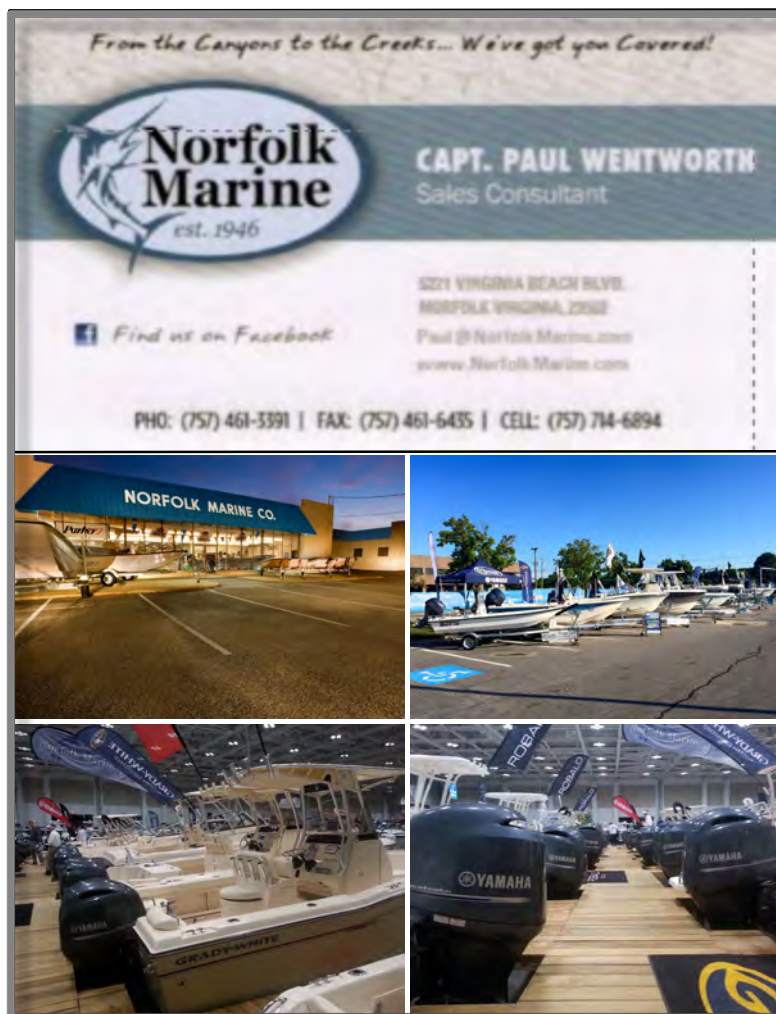


The Fisherman's Journal

The Fisherman's Journal has been used by recreational anglers since 2007. It is intended to benefit the individual angler, the fishing community, and fishery managers.

It allows the individual angler to keep a record of their fishing experience that can be used to identify successful locations and conditions in the future. It allows the fishing community to share and learn about other anglers' experiences. *Finally, it will benefit fishery managers by allowing them to assess fish populations by analyzing data provided by you, the recreational fisherman.*

Logging onto the VMRC website and establishing a User Name & Password is easy and allows you to record your Trip Info & Catch, as well as, meeting the requirement for mandatory reporting of Tilefish/Grouper landings.



Main Menu

Record Trip Info

* Required Fields

*User Name:

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Launch Site/Pier/Shore Name:

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Seas:

Wind Speed:

Wind Direction:

Time of Day:

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Air Temp (F):

Water Temp (F):

*Number of Anglers Reporting For:

*Hours Fished:

Notes:

Identification of launch site will allow fishery managers to evaluate and update the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey(MRFSS) and thereby improve the data collected by the angler interviews.

Current Conditions

Moon Calendar

Reporting all your catches, kept & released, provides valuable information to our Fisheries Management Division

Record Your Catch

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You may add an unlimited number of fish for each trip. To add additional fish, just click either of the "Add Fish" buttons. When done adding fish, click the "Submit Journal Entry" button.

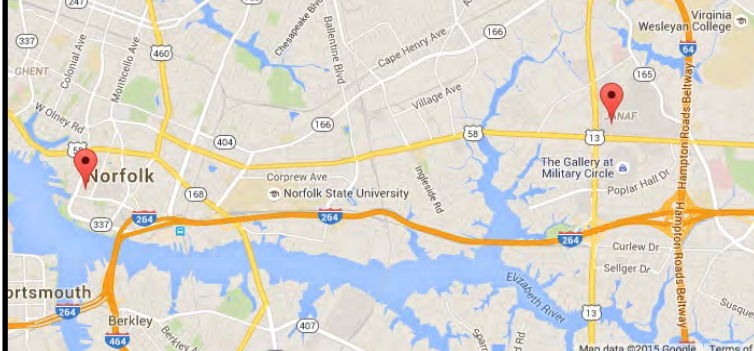
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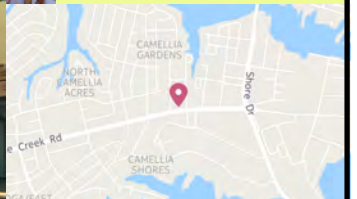
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Rules: Member's Fishing Board is for Norfolk Anglers Club Members to communicate with other Members for recreational fishing opportunities. Email addresses are provided to facilitate contact between members and are not to be used for any other purpose.

Puppy Drum fishing with Al Bunnell



Puppy Drum Fishing: Puppy Drum though a juvenile (18-26 inches) in the Red Drum family have a reputation for being a great fighting fish. Al Bunnell fished Puppy Drum as a youngster in Oyster, Va and is passionate about the fishery. "It's one of the least appreciated fisheries in Virginia" he advises.

Tackle: A medium to medium-heavy spinning rod paired with a 3000 or 4000 series spinning reel will work nicely on Puppy Drum. Al prefers 30# Fireline braided line for its better abrasion resistance over PowerPro.

Baits & Lures: For live baiting it's hard to top fresh mullet and peeler crabs. Al recommends learning to throw a cast net for your mullet - fresh is best. A few good throws of a cast net and you'll have the best and freshest bait around. Peanut Bunker is also a good bait as everything eats it however, it doesn't stay on the hook well.

Al uses two primary rigs for live baiting Puppy Drum, equally effective for Speckled Trout, and they are a Sinker Rig and a Float Rig. For artificial baits Al recommends a subsurface walk-the-dog type lure. Puppy Drum like the shallow water and that type of artificial lure will provide action similar to swimming mullet - a favorite of Puppy Drum.

Don't rule out casting a Spoon either. The Hopkins 550 Gold Hammered Spoon w/yellow feathers works extremely well as does Hopkins Beetle Spin rigged with a swimtail bait.

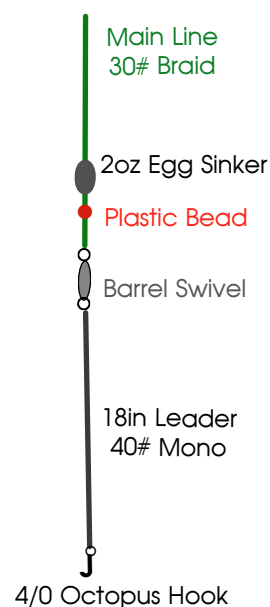
In fact, Puppy Drum will hit just about anything presented.

Rigging: Rigging the Sinker Rig is straightforward with a few things to keep in mind. Start with a 2 ounce egg sinker and go lighter depending on the current and bottom. Flattening the egg sinker will make it less likely to roll along the bottom and chafe on the sharp oyster beds. The addition of a plastic rigging bead above the barrel swivel will also protect the knot from the lead sinker. Fishing a soft mud bottom will require a much lighter weight to prevent it from sinking too deep into the mud. You'll often find the bottom along the salt marshes and sloughs very soft.

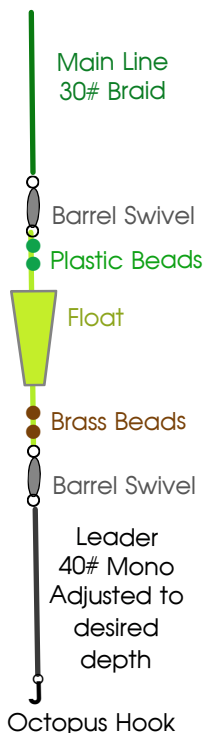
The Float Rig uses a Back Bay Popping Cork (pictured) as the primary component but any float rig will work. The leader is tied to place the bait at the desired depth, which is a few feet above the bottom. The Back Bay Popping Cork is made up of a barrel swivel at each end of a rigid wire. Riding on the wire is a float with two plastic beads above the float and two brass beads below. Working the Popping Cork results in noise and vibrations that draw fish to the source.

Other rigs include weighted hooks, spoons and jig heads and are all fished similarly with a jigging action to entice a strike.

Sinker Rig



Float Rig



Back Bay Thunder Popping Cork



VMG Drop Dead Weighted Hook



Luck E Strike Scrounger Jig Head



Hopkins 550 Hammered Spoon



Hopkins Beetle Spin w/swimtail bait

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Fishing Tips...

Technique When it comes to jig heads "Think you're going to slow - slow down" Al advises. You'll want to work the jig across the bottom creating the upward jig but also allowing it to descend. Often the Puppy Drum will strike as the jig head comes back down.

Not a fishing technique but to minimize snags during a lure retrieval try snatching the lure up off the bottom and reeling in. As it rests back down snatch it up again and continue the retrieve. This helps keep the lure off the oyster beds and minimizes abrasion of your braided line and leader.

When to go?: Puppy Drum can be caught year-round but it's at its best in the fall. A few days prior to a full moon and especially at dawn and dusk. If you can't get on them early morning or late afternoon plan to fish the last of the incoming tide and the first of the outgoing. Fishing the moving water after a tidal change yields some of the best result.

Finding the right spot: Look for structure that will hold small bait such as old dock pilings. Old pilings and debris that have lots of old growth are established habitats that will hold small bait fish and crabs, a prime diet of Puppy Drum. Structure that influences the fish's movement (old sea walls and docks) are good areas to use the tidal flow to set up. Natural contours in the marshes and shoreline that funnel bait fish with the tide are also good locations. Fish the mouth of a creek or wash during the outgoing tide as small bait fish and crab will be washed out toward awaiting Puppy Drum. Similarly, during the incoming tide fish deeper inside the creeks or marshes as the Puppy Drum will move further in in search of a meal. Beware of the oyster beds and the rise/fall of the tide. Oyster beds, abandoned crab pots, and other debris can damage propellers and easily scar gelcoat!



Fishing Reports...



8 October: Mary, Kate and I put in a couple hours fishing the CBBT. We only caught 1 keeper tog, but it was covered with Toadfish. We must have caught 30.

On Wednesday Oct 14, we were heading to an offshore wreck for tog and our path took us right over another. We figured we give it a try and what a surprise. First drop and Kate was on a Sheepshead then Mary was hooked up. We ended up with a cooler of fish including 5 nice Sheepshead Tog and Triggers. Fiddlers were the bait. We probably would have caught a lot more fish but as it was late in the afternoon, the wind changed direction and moved us off to the side of the wreck. We were still getting a slow pick and since we had enough fish in the cooler, I was being too lazy to re-anchor.

A little out of the area but, on Saturday Oct 17, I fished the very lower Susquehanna River where it meets the Susquehanna Flats. I fished with the Kaufman Father and Son team, Keith and Cody. We caught about 2 dozen school Stripers from 16" to 22" and 4 Smallmouth Bass. - Henry Troutner



26 October: Found the Spot in the Lynnhaven Long Creek, on the Ebb Tide. - Jimmy Robinson

8 October: Finally a good catch in Lynnhaven Long Creek . Fish bites did the trick . Up to 10 1/2"
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27 October: Went fishing for Tautog on Mike Hubert's boat with Ned Smith and John Ghetti to the 4th Island Tube, CBBT. It was a beautiful day with light south winds and moderate current. Whole Blue Crab was the bait since the cold snap of the earlier week has kept the Fiddlers holed up. Started with the outgoing current at max and fished through the change over till the max current incoming tide, about five hours. Only 5 keeper togs from 16-18 inches were

caught, two by Ned, two by John and one by Mike. We caught at least 8 throwback sized togs from 12-15 1/2 inch togs as well, several 15 inchers were fat. At least a hundred toadfish were caught making for a frustrating time with several lost sinkers during the slacked off current, especially for me. I just couldn't catch a keeper tog that day.

With this report I am including a picture of me with a keeper earlier in the year.

- Dr James W. "Ike" Eisnehower

Home (and Boat) Safety Tip:

Smoke Alarms SAVE LIVES and so do Carbon Monoxide Detectors. Both have a place in your home and boat but are often installed and forgotten. A great time to remember to change the batteries is when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time - Change Your Batteries too. Smoke Alarms should be installed inside and outside each bedroom. Install alarms on every level of the home to give you the earliest warning of danger. Your boat can use one too, especially if you spend the night aboard an enclosed cabin.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas, slightly denser than air, and can result from from incomplete combustion or faulty equipment like furnaces, ranges, engine-powered equipment (generators/gensets). CO Detectors are small, inexpensive, and certainly worth your life.

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- Will Bransom

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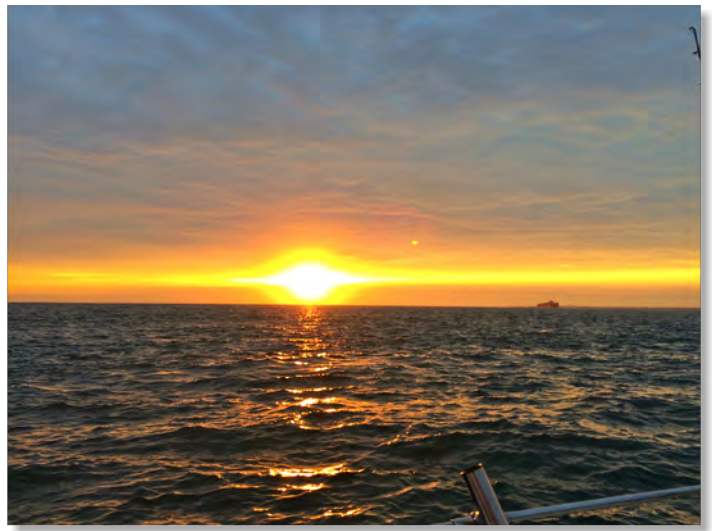
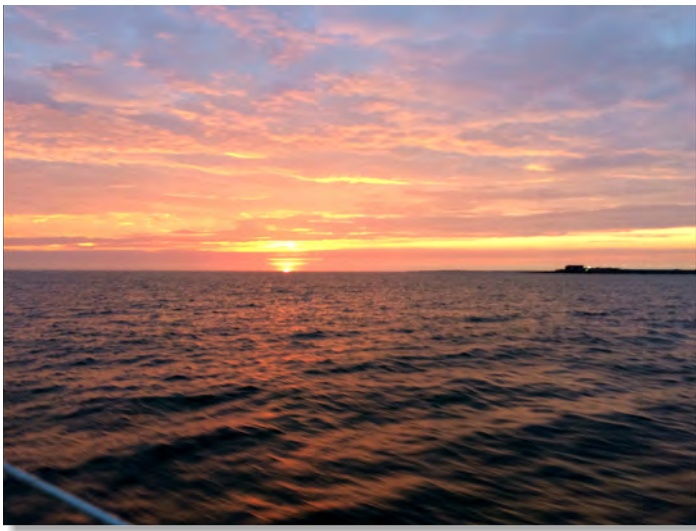
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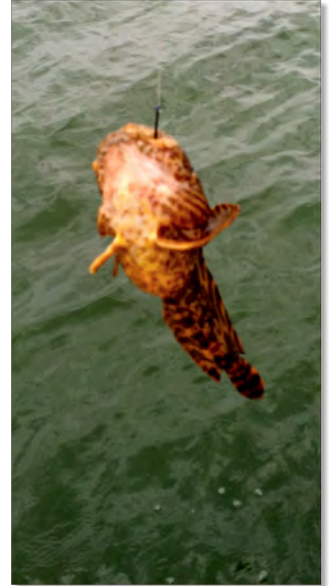
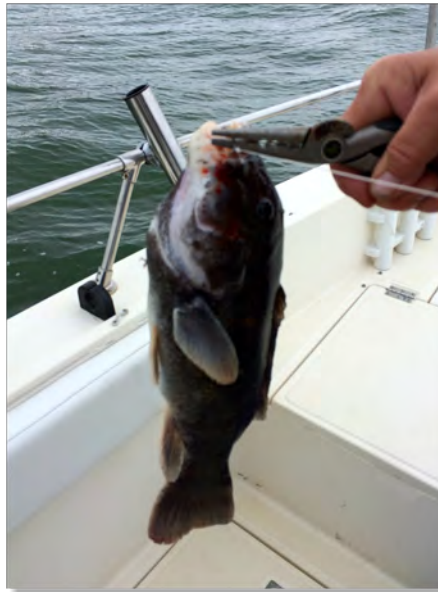
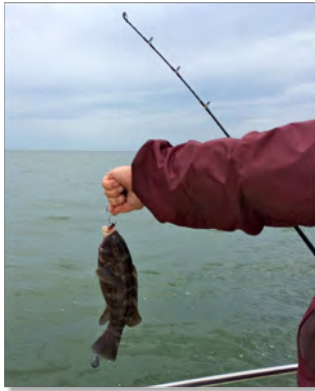


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26 October: I took my neighbors out on Sunday at day break. We caught a 20" rock and blues and a keeper tog. The Tog were eating she crab and fiddlers. A Blues and Striper came casting a 7" rebel spoonbill minnow in the white water on the east side of the 2nd island. Of course there were abundant toadfish. All in all, it was a slow day, but fun none the less. - Mike Hubert



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29 October: Had an opportunity to get a Speckled Trout lesson from Louis Glaser in his Carolina Skiff. We fished the Little Creek Jetty for just over an hour and caught & released 20 Speckled Trout. The Specs ranged from 10-12 inches and were all caught on a jig head with a chartreuse curly tail. We were casting up to the rocks and allowing the jig to reach the bottom before S L O W L Y retrieving it. A key point Louis stressed was keeping the rod tip low and no slack in the line. Without slack you can feel the bottom as you work the jig with the rod tip. When a Speckled Trout takes the jig it feels initially like you've got a snag or a small weight on the line. Gently set the hook and reel it in with constant pressure.

- Will Bransom



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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.

SeaTow Hampton Roads "Stuff-a-Boat" Holiday Toy Drive



Sea Tow Hampton Roads will be joining Sea Tow Services International in a campaign this year to "Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive". We will be collecting toys that are new and un-giftwrapped. We are inviting the local angler and fishing clubs to participate in our Toy Drive. The only thing we are asking of club members is to bring your toys to your monthly club meeting in October and November. Sea Tow Hampton Roads will attend your meeting to collect toys and store at the Sea Tow office. If for some reason you don't make the monthly meetings you can visit www.facebook.com/SeaTowhamptonroads for locations where drop off boxes are available.

In December we'll take all toys and stuff a Sea Tow Boat. Members of the local clubs are welcome to join us for a photo. The toys will be delivered to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign.



Every little bit helps and your donation will make a child's holiday a whole lot brighter!

If you have any questions you may contact Ed or Karen Schrader, Sea Tow Hampton Roads, at 757-496-1999.

VBAC Fall Fishing Flea Market: Rescheduled to Saturday November 7, 2015



The 3rd annual Fall Fishing/Boating Flea Market, sponsored by the Virginia Beach Angler's Club, will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 and will be held at Capt. Max King's Marine, 3829 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455.

We are looking for individuals, clubs or vendors to participate in this event. Potential sale items may include, but are not limited to, salt or fresh water gear, new, used, custom and home-made equipment such as fishing rods, reels, lures, flies, tackle, storage boxes, electric or gas motors, boating gear and electronics. Vendors, clubs or individuals interested in participating contact our event coordinators Bob Stuhlman at 757-474-2747 or Bob Burstein at 267-994-7423.

Angler Interests

Product Recall: 2014 Mercury Diesel 2.0L Engine



Aug 10, 2015: Notice for Recall of Mercury Diesel 2.0L Sterndrive Engines. Product Make: Mercury Diesel. Product Model 2.0L - (130hp - 170hp). Models Affected: 2014. What are the Defects? In engines which have an octagonal oil cooler, it is possible for the components of the steering system to make contact with the oil cooler. If the defect occurs, this may result in increased steering effort, and if the engine is operating at full throttle, the vessel may also become flooded with water. The engine should not be operated until it has been inspected and rectified.

MAFMC: Increase in Black Sea Bass Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for 2016-2017



The MAFMC revisited its previous black sea bass ABC recommendations for 2016-2017. Based on updated advice from the SSC, the Council voted to increase the ABC to 6.67 million pounds for 2016 and 2017, resulting in a commercial quota of 2.71 million pounds and a recreational harvest limit of 2.82 million pounds. This represents a 21% increase from the previously-recommended 5.50 million pound ABC, which has been in place since 2010 under a "constant catch" approach.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will consider the revised ABC recommendations at the Commission's Annual Meeting in November. The SSC will revisit the 2017 ABC next summer based on updated analysis.

VMRC continues Winter Crab Dredge Fishery CLOSURE for 2015/2016



Oct 27, 2015: Due to low blue crab abundance levels, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission has decided to keep the winter crab dredge fishery closed this year, for the eighth consecutive year. The Commission reviewed results from the 2015 dredge survey for Spawning Age Female Crabs (Age 1+) and the Juvenile Abundance Crabs (Age 0) and their associated triggers in deliberation of the season closure. Triggers were established in 2013 at 291 million Juvenile Abundance Crabs and 125 million Spawning Female Crabs and both categories fell short at 269 million and 101 million crabs, respectively.




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