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Our Guest Speaker this Month: John Brown



NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 8th, 2012 at 7:00 pm

OCTOBER 2012 GUEST SPEAKER

John "JB" Brown
presenting

» Speckled Trout Fishing



NAC's own John Brown ("jb") will address Speckled Trout fishing. jb is an avid Speckled Trout angler who enjoys/specializes in casting a variety of artificial lures for Specks. He will speak to tackle, techniques and conditions/structure he looks for when hunting trout. jb has an extensive knowledge of Speck fishing the Lynnhaven and southern branch of the Elizabeth River. The fall Speck bite in the southern bay and its estuaries is off to a great start. So come learn and/or share information on this wonderful and truly, world class fishery we enjoy here in Tidewater.

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

Time to Prep my Gear »

I use October as a month to reload... My leaders are nicked, my jig heads are beginning to rust, my reels need oil, the boat needs bleaching, my fuel water separators need replacing, and my boats need attention.

While most dread the work mentioned above, I consider it a blessing. Because it means I've had another GREAT season!

The cobia and drum are beginning to move south, the flounder bite is slowing, the trout are just arriving and the strippers should be here very soon.

It's also time where my "friends" begin rotating. While most of my inner circle buddies fish all year with me, I have a group of buddies that only like striper fishing. It's probably because the outriggers are deployed, the heater is on in the cabin, football is on my XM radio and the fish are big.

"It's the time of year when my "friends" begin rotating. I have a group of buddies that only like striper fishing when there's heat in my cabin."

It's also time for the "joy boaters" to put their boats away for the summer. Now, don't get me wrong... I don't have a problem with joy boaters, but I'm always happier to have our fishing grounds free of water skiers, divers, and sail-boaters... (especially in the hot ditch).

So, I invite you to get your gear ready, find your long underwear, and join me in getting ready for the fall and winter! ■



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PHOTOGRAPH BY: Harry R. Hindmarsh

"While flounder fishing at the mouth of the ER, the sun setting signaled the close of another day on the water. The sky was amazing, but the flounder bite was even better..." - Harry R. Hindmarsh





ELIZABETH RIVER SPEC ACTION

LOCATION: Elizabeth River

REPORTING ANGLER: "JB" - John Brown

It's early fall and that means Speckled Trout fishing. And, it appears to be off to a fast start in estuaries of the lower bay. I have good reports from Lynnhaven, Little Creek, Elizabeth River and Eastern Shore that nice keeper size fish have been caught in good numbers. Trophy size fish (24+" or 5 lbs+) are here as well. It can be a bit hit or miss right now, but it should only get more reliable as days shorten and waters cool.

As most of you know, I target Specks primarily in the Elizabeth River (ER). Mid- August to late September, I was only catching fish in the "dink" to 18" range. But in the last 2 weeks, the quality of fish has improved significantly. We have now had numerous 23+" fish with 1 trophy release at 25 1/4". More importantly, all the fish over 23" have come on top water baits. I love catching Speckles on the top. And now is the time. I prefer Rapala Skitterwalks but just about any type of surface walker will do the trick. It is laborious to constantly work a surface bait, cast after cast, but the reward is worth it to watch a fish crash the surface.

Of course, plastics and hard subsurface baits have produced as well...trolling and casting. So, if you like to chase the Spotted Sea Trout, it is time to pull out the light weight tackle/small lure baits and set up at your favorite trout hole.



LATE SUMMER COBIA

LOCATION: CB line - Virginia Beach Ocean Front

REPORTING ANGLER: Harry R. Hindmarsh

I grew up as an avid deer hunter in the deep woods of Northwestern Pennsylvania. One of the things I loved (and still love) was the "hunt" that harvesting a big mature deer offered.

The late summer months of August, September and October offer a strong correlation to days on the timberlines. Nothing on earth makes me as happy as standing in my cobia tower "hunting" cobia. The bay and ocean have been home to another fantastic year of bull-cobia fishing. If you have the patience, you'll be rewarded for your investment. It's best to have a pair of polarized glasses and an optimistic outlook.

I start on the southern-most set of CB line buoys, working my way north. I start from there so that the sun is usually at my back, which allows me to see into the water much easier. From my tower, I have 8 rods in reach loaded for various fish I see along the way. Live eels and bucktails adorn most of my rods, however, I have a few setup for smaller fish like blues, spades, sharks and jacks.

The last three weeks have been as productive as any summer day however, this weekend endures the first coldfront of the year. I'm expecting the fish to move south, so be ready for some long runs!



a day on the water

» OFFSHORE TO THE WHITE MARLIN

On Saturday, September 16, 2012, we boarded the “Top Notch” and took off to go find some white marlin. We were lucky enough to catch six and we had shots at over 12 all day. I’ve included photos from this trip but to see the real action, log onto www.FishCoastalVirginia.com and look at the video from the day.

Photo journal

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PHOTOS BY: ZACH FREEZE





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www.PilotOnline.com | Lee Tolliver

Lee Tolliver's Fishing Forecast appears on PilotOnline.com and in the Virginian Pilot sports section every Thursday from the first week in April through Thanksgiving Day.

www.baydreaming.com

Chesapeake Bay Guide provides information on boating, fishing, travel, events, and history for many areas throughout Virginia.

www.fishva.org

An online resource for choosing a VA Saltwater Fishing charter service. Over 100 licensed Captains in the organization.

www.boat-ed.com

The official site for boater education. Boat Ed is the only place on the Web where you can study the official boating safety manual developed specifically for your state government's boating agency.

www.chesapeake-angler.com

A comprehensive fishing network dedicated to all types of Virginia fishing.

www.boatsafe.com

Boating safety courses with boating simulations, animations, boating safety quizzes and boating tips for powerboaters and sailboaters.

www.sportfishermen.com

Comprehensive fishing resource including, tournaments, articles, forums, pictures and video.

www.cbf.org

Features education material, access to critical bay issues, and tools for citizens to take action on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay.

www.dailypress.com/fishingspot

Official website of the Daily Press Newspaper Fishing Section. Offers forums and weekly fishing report.

www.discoverboating.com

Provides a variety of information on safety, maintenance, destinations and tips on buying a boat.

www.hamptonroads.com

Comprehensive resource for Hampton Roads. Includes Virginian Pilot newspaper fishing reports.

www.pierandsurf.com

Provides Virginia pier and surf fishing reports.

www.mrc.state.va.us/swr/saltwaterreview

Includes weekly Virginia Marine Resources Commission fishing report.

www.stripersonline.com

Brings you the most complete striped bass fishing information, including saltwater, surf and fly fishing articles, tackle, techniques, fishing reports and discussions.

www.takemefishing.org

Serves as a one-stop resource for those seeking boating, fishing and conservation information.

www.tidalfish.com

Provides fishing reports and fishing information covering saltwater fishing, freshwater fishing, fly fishing, fishing reports, etc.

www.vbsf.net

Virginia Beach Sport Fishing website links to fishing chat, fishing guides, and catches of the week.

www.vcanaccess.com

Virginia Coastal Access Now (VCAN) is a non-profit organization that represents recreational anglers.

www.mrc.virginia.gov

Official site of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Provides easy access to regulatory and management information related to Virginia marine resources.

WEATHER & TIDES

www.noaa.gov

The National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States.

www.weather.com

Provides a national and local weather forecast for cities worldwide.

www.wtkr.com

Hampton Roads local CBS affiliate. Provides weather and marineforecast information.

www.wunderground.com

Provides weather forecasts for the US and the world with a fast, easy to use interface. Includes weather maps, graphics and radar images.

www.saltwatertides.com

Provides low and high tide predictions, sunset, moonrise, moonset, and moon phase information.

www.wvec.com

Hampton Roads local ABC affiliate. Provides weather and marineforecast information.

nac prize fish contest rules

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.

Closing image

PHOTOGRAPH BY: Harry R. Hindmarsh

"We've had a very clear fall so far this year. I was puttering around the Hampton basin doing a photoshoot for the City of Hampton. When I came around corner, I just loved the way the sun looked peering around the pilings." - Harry R. Hindmarsh

