

THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

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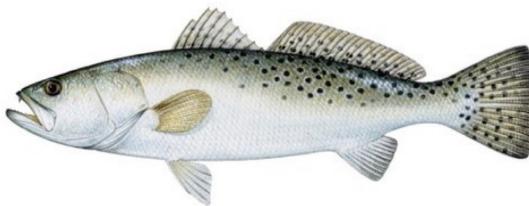
Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Lots going on this month for our membership. On Saturday the 8th, we've got a our Member's 5 Fish Tournament at Vinings Landing Marine Center. A week later on the 15th is the Club Fall Social at our Virginia Beach home. Directions will be available at the meeting. I hope you can join us for both events.

In the past two weeks the fishing for Speckled Trout and Puppy Drum has really heated up. Croaker and Spot are also being caught in plentiful numbers in Little Creek and Lynnhaven. So get out and enjoy the weather and some great fishing. Don't forget to send the Wireline Editor some photos and a fishing report. One of the things that makes our club great is the sharing of information from how to rig your gear to what's biting and where.

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MEETING

Guest Speaker: Louis Glaser on Speckled Trout Fishing.

Those of you who know Louis, he's all about fishing Flounder and Speckled Trout, and this time of year it's ONLY Speckled Trout fishing. Most days you'll find him out on his Carolina Skiff, *Hooked Up II*, working over the Specs out of Little Creek.

This is a great opportunity to hear from one of our own Norfolk Anglers on the hot Speckled Trout bite going on right now.

Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, October 10th at 7pm

Location:

Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill

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In December, we will invite all Clubs to our office for pizza and to fill the Sea Tow Boat with toys that we collected. We'll have The Marines from Toys for Tots come to the Sea Tow office to receive the toys. We would like to get a group shot of all clubs surrounding the Sea Tow boat stuffed with toys. This date will be determined when the time gets closer. *Every little bit helps and will make someone's holiday a little brighter.*



Thank-you again for your support.

If you have any questions you may contact Ed or Karen Schrader at 757-496-1999.

Norfolk Anglers Club Fishing Tips...

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Online Fishing Resources, Finding your fishing location:

Zach Bowles, Oceans East Bait & Tackle

Capt Will Bransom, Norfolk Anglers Club

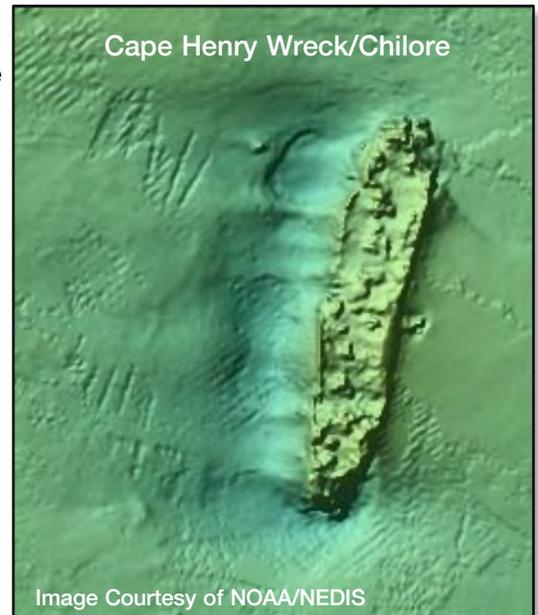


"Hey, Buddy, you got the number for the "X" wreck? I'm going to be offshore and going by there and I'd like to fish it. Can you help me out?"

Is usually how the conversation starts out. After many years of assembling your collection of GPS positions from doing your own research, search & dive expeditions, conversions from LORAN, and sorting through a myriad of online resources and databases, giving up your hard work is a bit hard to do. While these wreck sites and obstructions aren't your exclusive "secret spots", you certainly don't want to hand out information that's taken years of work to find and verify.

Some of those favorite fishing locations aren't fixed wrecks or obstructions at all but rather general areas that are dependent on dynamic conditions like tides, winds, or water temperature to attract and hold fish.

This Norfolk Anglers Club *Fishing Tips* has been put together by Zach Bowles of Oceans East Bait & Tackle and Capt Will Bransom, USN (Ret) to assist anglers in using online resources as the basis in developing their set of GPS fishing locations.



Global Positioning System (GPS) & Coordinate Converting 101:

Many have difficulty switching from one coordinate system to another. There are a number of coordinate systems to navigate but for this discussion we'll focus on the primary three; Degree-Minutes-Seconds, Decimal-Minutes, and Decimal-Degrees. The Degrees-Minutes-Seconds (N36 54 08 , W75 43 17) is the traditional navigation format generally used before GPS. You'll often see it in Marine Casualty Reports and Naval logs when doing your research. It's important to note that before GPS (pre 1990) the Long Range Navigation or LORAN system was in use and while it was an accurate navigation system, conversion from LORAN numbers to a GPS position is notoriously inaccurate. The other method to calculate a positional fix was a navigation instrument called the Sextant and would give only a general position from which to navigate from.

Most GPS units use either Decimal-Degrees (36.902417 , -75.721483) or Decimal-Minutes (N36 54.145 , W75 43.289) format. Navigating between these differing formats isn't as hard as you think. Search for Boulter.com and you'll find their *GPS Coordinate Converter, Maps, and Info* (pictured right). Type in the position you have and select the *Convert & Map* button and the position will convert to all of the positional formats for you. Remember to be accurate in entering the position information. Omitting a space, decimal, or negative sign (Longitude) can result in the program not converting or misrepresenting the position. The negative (-) sign in the Longitude (-75 43.289) must be there to place you in the Western Hemisphere. So, what's the position? It's the Brass Spike wreck.



GPS Coordinate Converter, Maps and Info

Enter coordinates
36 54.145, -75 43.289
(like 37 23.516 -122 02.625, but it's flexible)

Decimal Degrees (WGS84)

Latitude	Longitude
36.902417	-75.721483

Degrees, Minutes & Seconds

Latitude	Longitude
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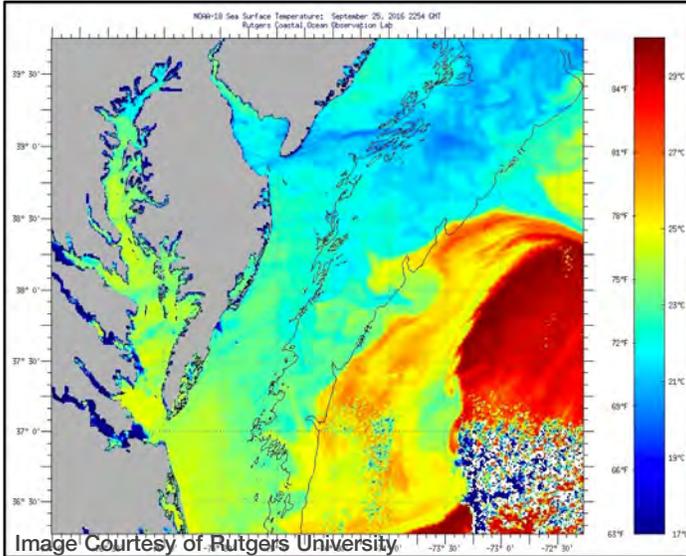
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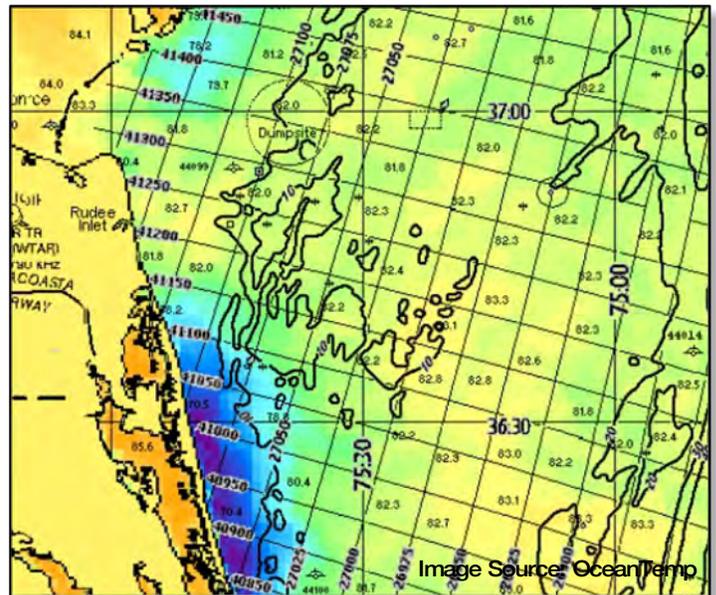
Source: www.boulter.com

Sea Surface Temperature:

Looking for the pelagic species that favor the water temperature breaks? There are a number of websites that provide a free service but it's usually 24 or more hours old. Sources like NOAA (eastcoast.coastwatch.noaa.gov) provide Surface Temperature and Chlorophyll information using a Google Maps overlay and Rutgers University (marine.rutgers.edu/cool/sat_data/?products=sst) provides recent Sea Surface Temperature overlays. These are non-interpreted satellite images that project temperature data for the user. Conditions such as cloud cover and atmospheric water vapor (Fog) can influence the accuracy of the information.



OceanTemp (oceantemp.com) is a fee-for-service that costs \$149 per year for the North East Region and provides interpreted data taken from satellite imagery. OceanTemp's interpretation takes into consideration atmospheric factors to "fill in the blanks" and provide a more accurate image, of course, you pay for it with your membership.

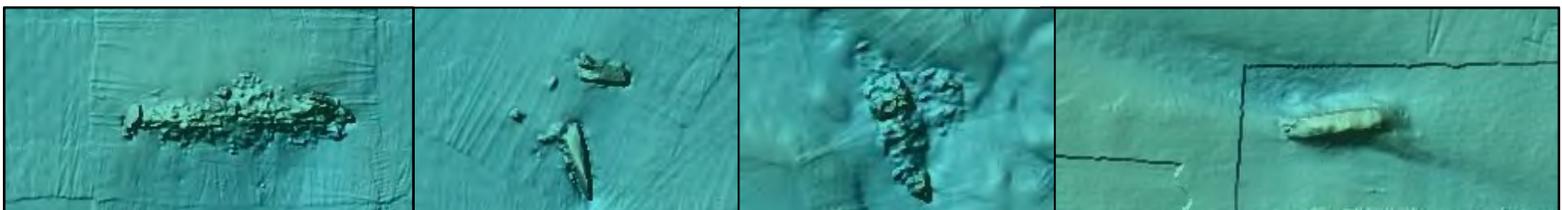


NOAA satellites are the imaging source for all of these applications and orbit the earth from Pole to Pole collecting weather related information using infrared imaging and photography. Their primary weakness when it comes to providing sea surface temperature information is weather, specifically heavy cloud cover and fog.



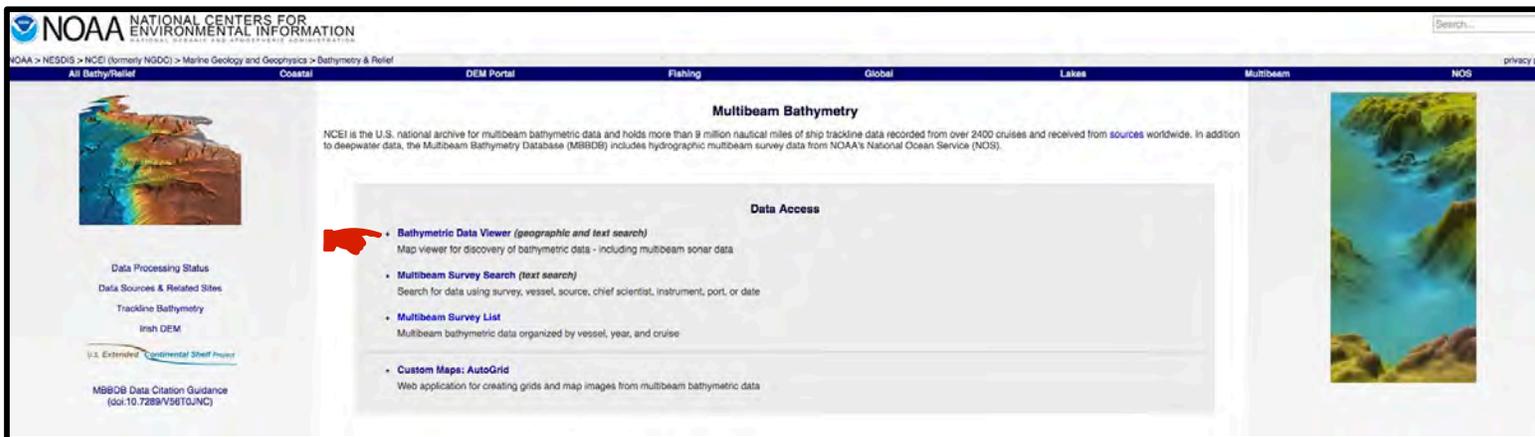
Three Dimensional (3D) Bathymetric Data:

"Three What!? You say? Believe us, it's the good stuff and once you dive into this resource you'll spend long days and night drilling down on every spec you see on the charts. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) merged three of their data centers into a single source for climate, geophysical, and oceanographic data under the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI). What Anglers get is a single source to search through NOAA's Bathymetric Maps (topography maps of the ocean floor) showing contours, obstructions and wrecks. Many of the areas off coastal Virginia have been subject to multi-beam sonar imaging. (Images courtesy of NOAA/NEDIS)

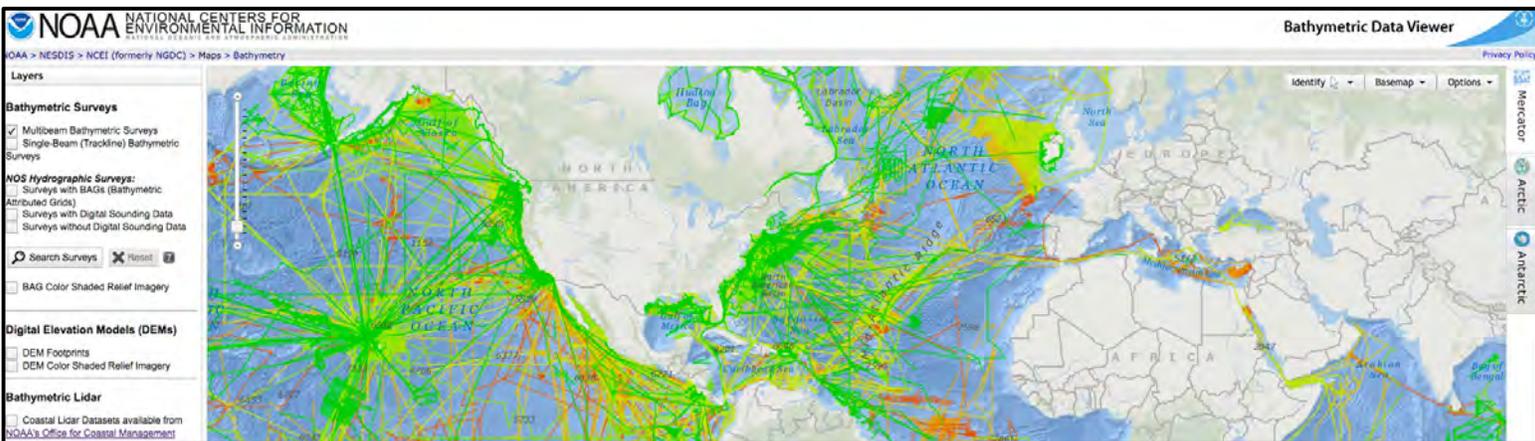


How to get started:

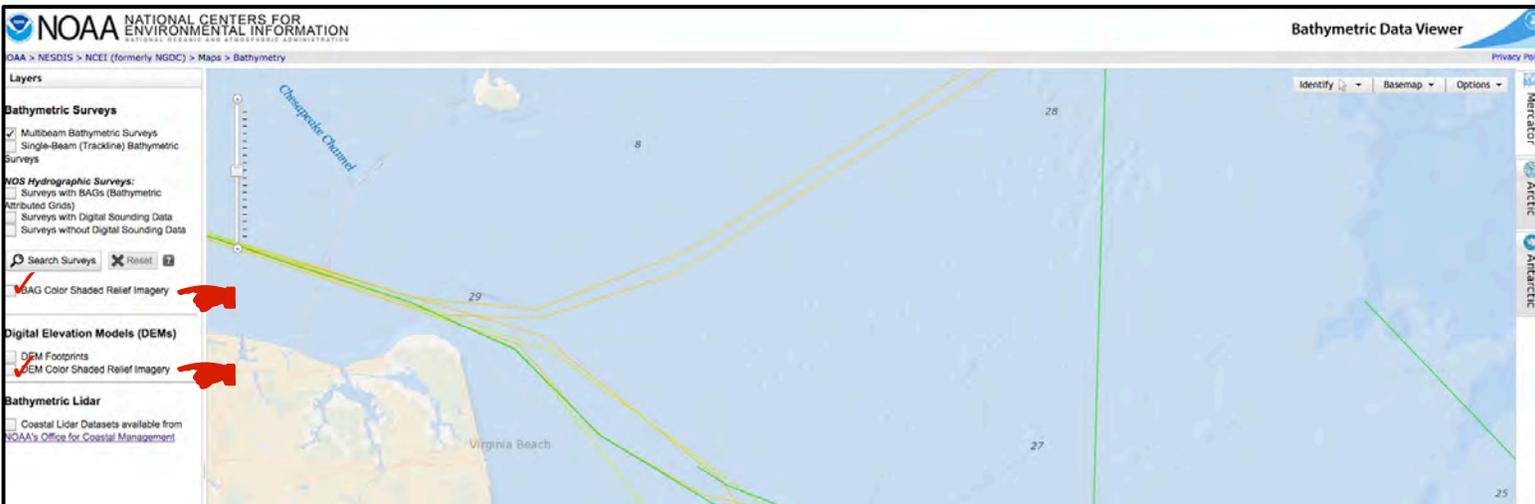
Start by searching for **NOAA 3D Bathymetry** or **NOAA 3D Bathymetry ART GIS** and you'll end up at the NOAA Multibeam Bathymetry page (www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/bathymetry/multibeam) and select "Bathymetric Data Viewer"



The webpage is going to populate a world chart with all the color coded areas that have Multibeam Bathymetric Surveys. Center and enlarge the chart to the area you want to search before selecting a few other options.



Once you have the area enlarged and focused on where you want to search the next step is to select the Digital Elevation Models (DEMs) and chart overlays.



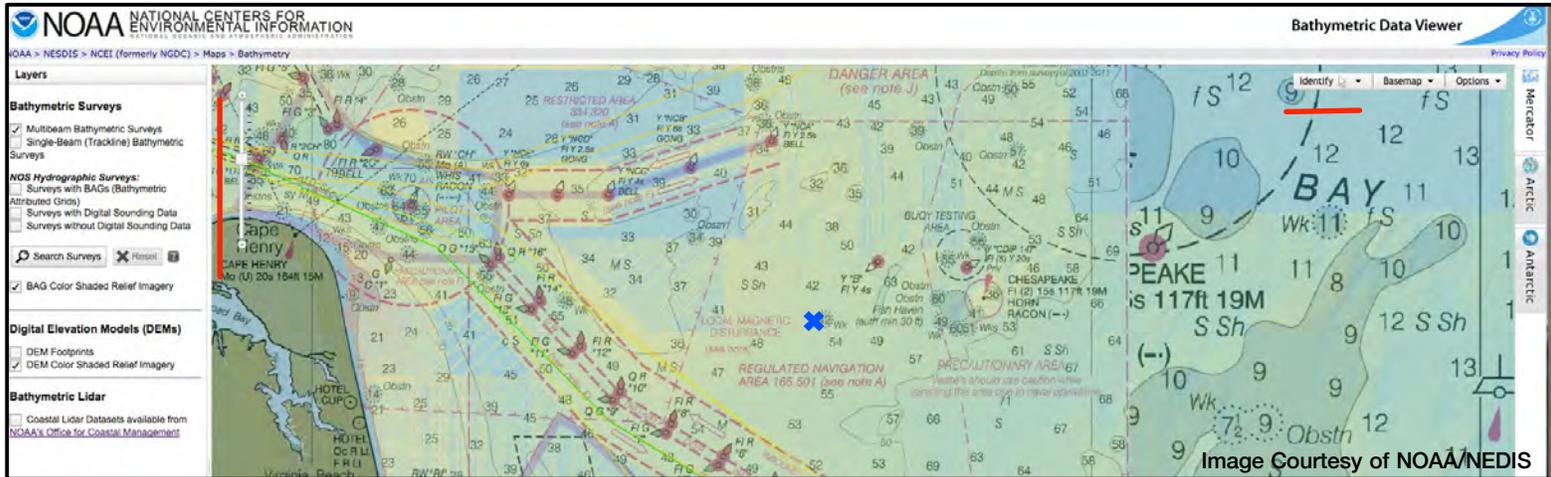
On the left side of the page, check the block labeled **DEM Color Shaded Relief Imagery** and the block titled **BAG Color Shaded Relief Imagery**. The upper block titled **Multibeam Bathymetric Surveys** should already be checked. The uppermost block, **Multibeam Bathymetric Surveys**, should already be checked.

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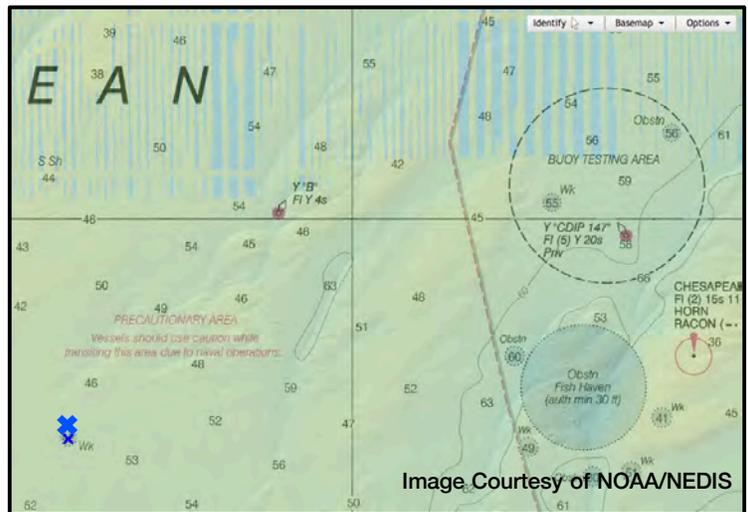
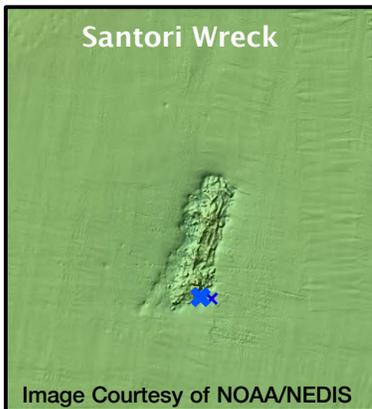
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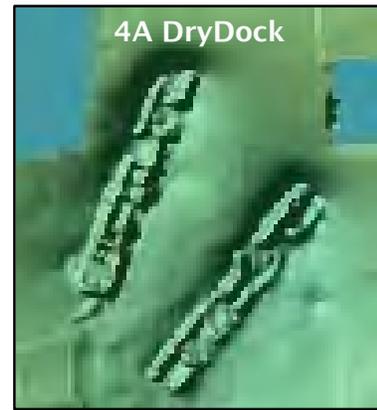
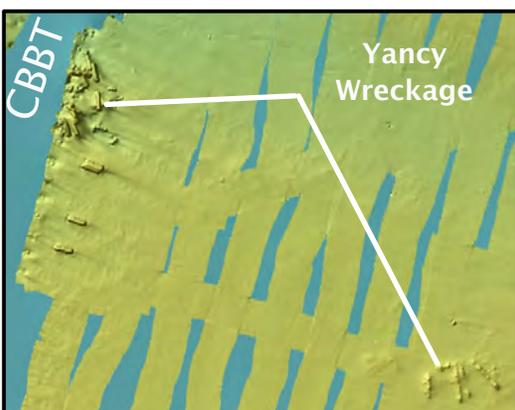
In the upper right corner there are three drop-down menu boxes titled Identify, Basemap, and Options. Under the Options tabs select the "NOAA Raster Navigational Charts (RNC)" box. This will overlay a nautical chart and provide a method to navigate around the areas as you search for interesting marks to investigate.

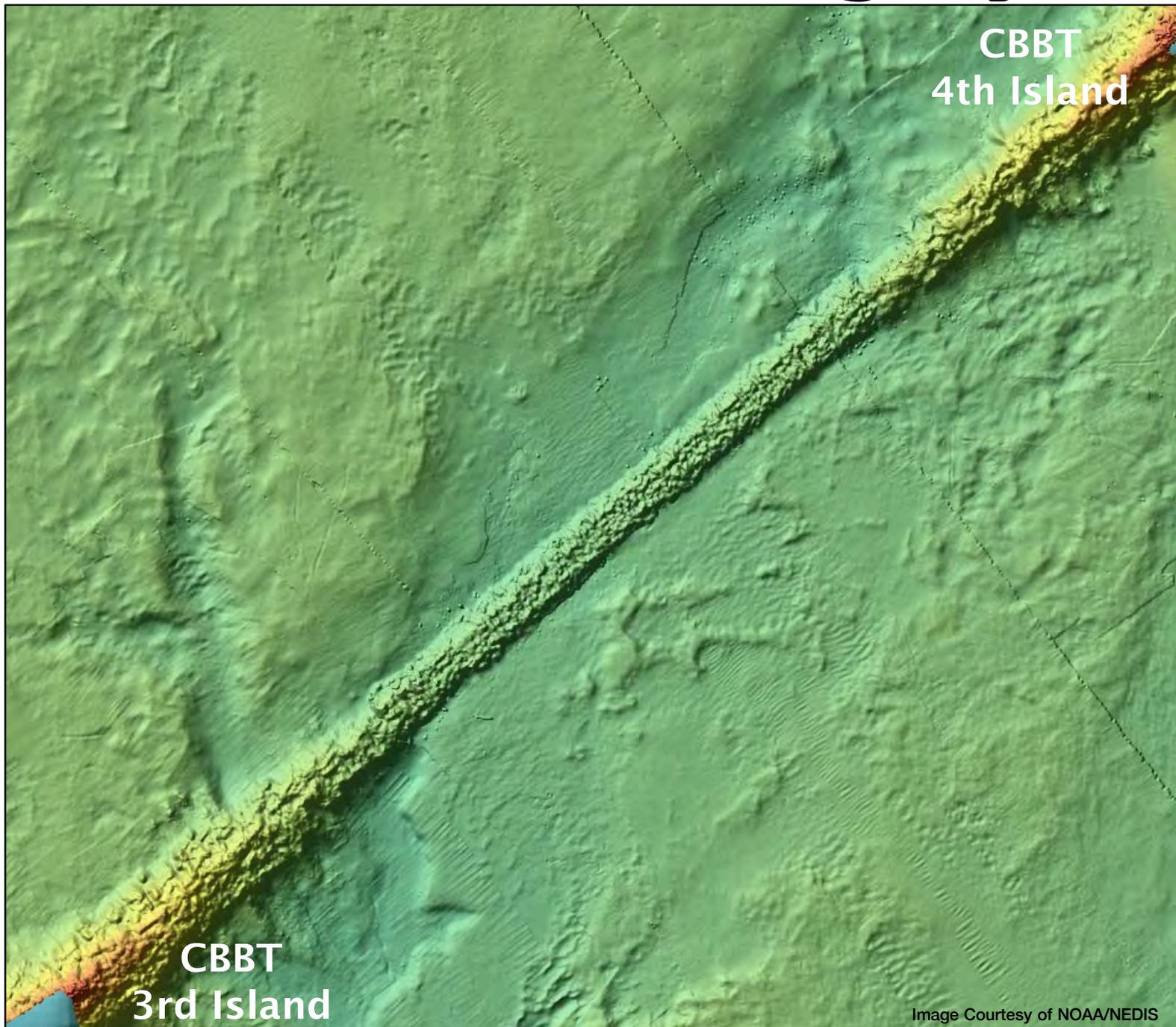


A couple of other useful tools are the zoom buttons in the top left corner and an Identify button. As you slowly increase the zoom feature the multibeam side scan imagery will emerge and at one point the Navigational Chart will disappear. This is where the Identify pointer will be handy to use. If you drop the Identify menu down click on the first item labeled Point (Single Click). After clicking on Point (Single-Click) scroll over to where you want to drop an "x" and click on the spot. A blue "x" will emerge and can help to re-locate what you're looking at while you zoom in to the imagery detail you desire. To clear the "x" just click on the top right corner of the Identified Features pop-up window. You can also draw rectangle or polygon areas which will be shaded in yellow using the other Identify options.



When you've found something you want to transfer the position to your boat's GPS, use the cursor and observe the lower left box in the screen. You'll have the Decimal-Degrees position wherever the cursor is pointing. Please note it's presented in Longitude, Latitude format instead of Latitude, Longitude. Then use the Boulder Coordinate Converter program to get the corresponding navigation format you desire. Images courtesy of NOAA/NEDIS.





The key to developing your personal set of GPS coordinates is doing your research online or with printed material, then spending some time actively looking with your vessel. Fish are naturally attracted to structure, any structure, and can range from debris from ships, artificial reef materials, or naturally structure such as rocks or ledges. While most bottom machines are capable of detecting structure, sidescan units greatly enhance your understanding of the bottom. Sidescan units like Hummingbird and Lowrance are not overly expensive and can dramatically improve your chances of locating your target. Most recreational sidescans operate to a depth of 150ft and display data as distant as 320ft on each side of the transducer.

Lastly, a note on "internet numbers", those ones you find online or that are occasionally put up on internet forums. The list is impressively long and looks genuine but it's notoriously inaccurate and a poor result of someone's attempt to convert old LORAN positions to GPS or perhaps someone's bad idea of a joke. Do your own research and create your own list of fishing locations. That way, when you head offshore you actually know there's something at your GPS fix.





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SHELLCRACKER SUNFISH ANGLER OF THE MONTH

Dr James W. "Ike" Eisenhower was just recognized for a Shellcracker Sunfish that he caught back in June 2016. It is in the record books as "the largest officially registered with the Virginia Angler Recognition Program 'Angler of the Month' for this species". In the picture, the fish on the right is the 2 lb. 4 oz. Shellcracker Sunfish. Ike was surprised by this award "I didn't even know they had an "Angler of the Month" award. They gave me a pin with "Angler of the Month" on it." CONGRATS IKE!

Virginia Angler Recognition Program (VARP)

On the average, Virginia Anglers measure up over 6,000 trophy-size freshwater fish annually. Their accomplishments are recognized by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries through the Virginia Angler Recognition Program (VARP). Since 1963, when the program began, over 250,000 trophy fish awards have been issued.

VIRGINIA ANGLER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

There are two methods for measuring trophy fish. The first is by length and the second is by weight. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGI) uses the following criteria to determine trophy fish status:

- Length:** The length of the fish is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail.
- Weight:** The weight of the fish is measured to the nearest 0.1 ounce.

Qualifying a Trophy Fish

A trophy fish is one that is the largest of its kind in the state of Virginia. The trophy fish must be caught in the state of Virginia and must be a species that is listed in the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGI) trophy fish list.

How to Measure a Fish

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/>

Fishing Reports...

Keeper sized Speckled Trout are here!

14 SEP: Went fishing with Louis on Wednesday for specks and was nicely surprised at the numbers of keepers sized (over 18") that we caught. SW winds were blowing which made it as great day until the red tide came in from inland and shut our fishing down after catching only three fish 18-20 inches.



15 SEP: But on the next day, with NE winds blowing 20 mph, Louis, Ned and I headed out again looking for the specks again. It turned out to be a great day with 15 keepers. The biggest being about 20 1/2 inches which is in the picture as the bigger one that Louis had started to clean before I managed to get a picture. The two I'm holding were from the 14th

Getting a picture of a live fish on the boat was impossible in that wind and the boat traffic going on around us. Regardless, the specks are plentiful and we only had one small throwback fish caught.

17 SEP: On the next Saturday, Louis, Bert Whitt and I went back to the same area with lighter east winds and started catching fish immediately upon anchoring. Several times we even had two fish on at the same time which makes for tricky netting. We finished after about two hours catching 13 fish, all 18-20 inches. Again I'm holding two of them this time alive. This time I got my personal limit of 5 which wasn't true the previous two days. We caught mostly using MirrOlures 52m of various colors mostly red and yellow combinations. But Ned did catch his on Thursday with a MR27 with brown cracked glass with orange belly. All were caught in the outgoing tide. The incoming tide seemed to produce the red tide water the most.

- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



Member's 5-Fish Tournament

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Spot, Croaker, Puppy Drum, Speckled Trout, Flounder

Vinings Landing Marine Center

Saturday October 8th from 6:00am-2:30pm

Measurement (Length) Only Tournament

Virginia Saltwater Hook&Line Regulations Apply

Measurement Times 1:00-2:30pm

Picnic starts at 1:00pm

1st (\$50 Gift Card) & 2nd Place (\$25 Gift Card) Awarded

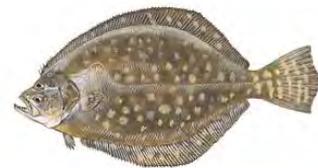
in each of the 5 Fish categories

Norfolk Anglers Club Members and Families Tournament

\$10 per Entry to Fish (Picnic Included)

\$5 Picnic Only

(Alternate Rain Date is Saturday Oct 29th)



Sep 28: Another great day Speckled Trout fishing in Little Creek Inlet. Despite windy conditions and rain Louis Glaser and Doug Wilburn brought home 9 nice sized Speckled Trout including a few up to 24 inches!



Sep 6: Decided to take my Parker out for a test run after doing some maintenance. After everything checked out fine I pulled out the Speckled Trout rods and tried a few places in Little Creek Inlet. I pitched jig heads with Z-Man tails and Mirrolure MR17's and enjoyed a consistent bite but with a smaller class fish.

I tagged and released all the fish for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFT). I even picked one tagged two days prior by another Tagger. It too was released with its original tag intact

- Will Bransom



A Fun September

We had a fun September starting with AJ and I looking for the big Red Drum along the CBBT on September 8th using fresh Menhaden chunks, but we only found a few Sharks.



On September 10th we trolled the ocean front for Spanish Mackerel finding four up to 20 inches. False Albacore marauded our Clark spoon trolling

spread, taking a few spoons with them! We went 2 for 6 on the False Albacore. Here is Danny with his False Albacore.



On September 11th we went night fishing in the Elizabeth River using Gulp and curly tail grubs to end up catching a nice mix of juvenile fish to include Striper, Speckled Trout, Puppy Drum, Flounder, Gray Trout, and Croaker. Here is Danny with a Puppy Drum.



Yours truly with a throw back Flounder!



My pee wee Striper.

On September 14th, AJ and I welcomed the big Red Drum to the CBBT by offering them cut Mullet. Here is AJ with his first citation Red Drum at 47 inches!



Here is Danny with his Citation 47 inch Red Drum and Bill with his 49 inch Citation!



With a hand full of Fiddler Crabs to use, we switched over to Sheepshead fishing with Bill catching the only one for the day before running out of bait.

Me again with my personal best 51 inch Red Drum.



On September 24th, we went back off the ocean front looking for Spanish Mackerel and once again, the False Albacore found us!

We only caught one Spanish at 19 inches and went 2 for 4 with the False Albacore before the weather had us cut the trip short. Here is Sherry and Nicholas with their False Albacore.

- Alex Perez Sr



13 SEP: On a nice Tuesday, I went out with Russell Willoughby to Lynnhaven looking for Puppy Drum and Spot. We found the Pups but all 4 were 13-14 inches long. They were all caught on frozen mullet on the bottom. Then we drifted around looking for spot. Since Jimmy Robinson had found them the day before that were keeper size, about 2-3 a lb., we targeted the tennis courts area using bloodworm fishbites. Fried Spot is Russell and my all time favorite fish to eat. Ended up with 7 nice ones with one keeper Croaker, just enough for me to have a meal that evening. Hopefully this is just the beginning of a good spot bite. Didn't try again for them since I got diverted with the Speckled Trout bite.
 - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



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12 SEP: Slow bite in Long Creek. Still looking for the Yellow Bellies.
 - Jimmy Robinson



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Treble Hook Trouble

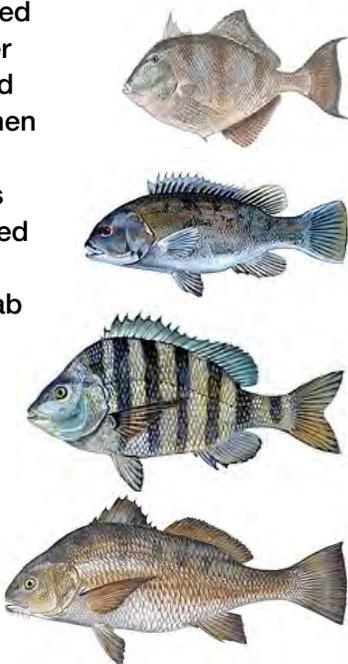
Treble Hooks are  absolutely the best! I mean there's 3X as many hooks for the fish, you almost never bait them, what's not to love about treble hooks?! Well, I suppose the down side is there's 3X as many hooks, they often tangle in the net, and then there's the flailing fish with 5 exposed hooks you have to de-hook. And,...if you're not careful - Ouch!

This Angler was handling a lively Speckled Trout in the net when Specs do what Specs do, at the perfect moment, it rebounded its energy and snagged our Angler with a double hook set. Fortunately, after a quick trip to the local Doc, our Angler was back at it catching Specs with only the treble hook lost.

Seriously, always be cautious when handling a fish with one hook or many. If you do find yourself in a bit of treble hook trouble, don't attempt to remove the hook yourself. You can cause more tissue damage, nick a vein or tear into a tendon trying to dehook yourself. Immobilize the lure, the fish, cut the lure free of any line, and head to the local Doc.



Sept 26: Fished around the CBBT 3rd Island structure and 2nd Island tube, landed this 9 lbs Sheepshead and another smaller Sheepie. Also 4 keeper sized Tautogs and 3 Trigger Fish. The real surprise came when fishing on Light Tackle and I had a heavy bite and a break off. I was thinking it was another big Sheepshead. Then it happened again. The third time was a charm when you're unknowingly dropping cut Blue Crab into a hungry school of Black Drum. It ended up being a 40+ inch Black Drum.
- Mike Delbridge

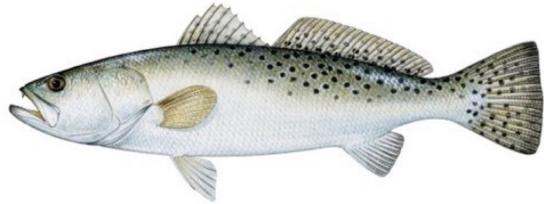




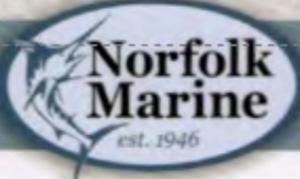
22 SEP: The day after ten inches of rain and high winds, Louis and I decided to go out to the Little Creek Jetty to search for Speckled Trout and Pups. The water was surprising clean but the wind was 20+ coming out of the northeast with white caps.

We positioned our boat close to the rocks and started fishing. The bite was on! in three hours we caught twenty legal size specks (largest being 23 inches) and had 1/2 dozen shorts. We kept a few for dinner. All were caught on MR27 and MR52 mirrolures.

Sometimes nasty weather produces the best bite!
- Ned Smith



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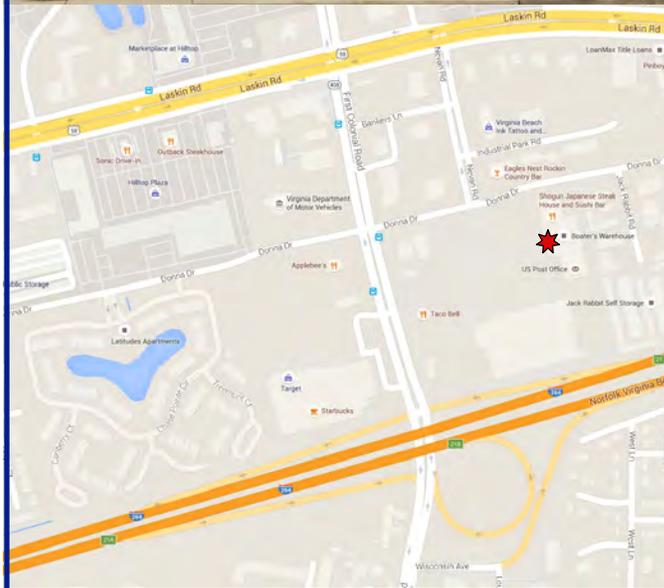
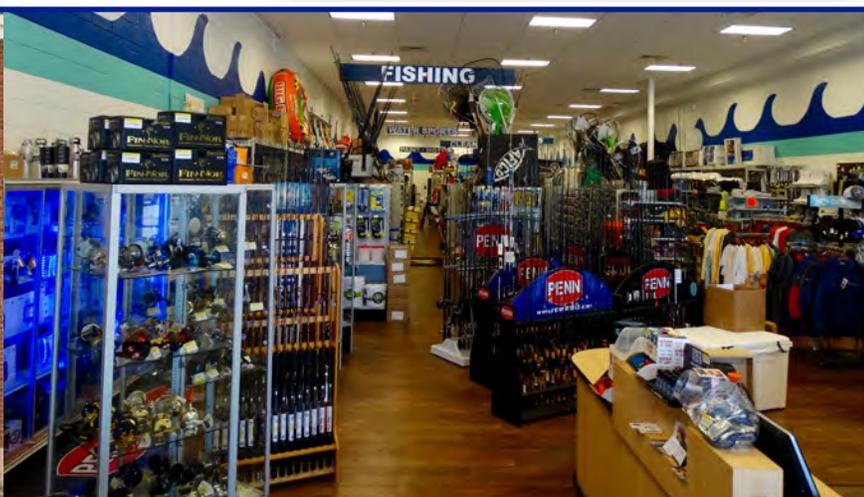


18 SEP: I took out George and Jeff Poston out Speckle Trout fishing on a great day. We fished in Little Creek in the morning and picked up nine fish which were 20" to 25". Jeff caught his biggest Speckle Trout which was 25" and weighed 4.8lb. *What a nice day of fishing with good friends!* - Bert Sainz





25 SEP: Went fishing with Louis again on being a beautiful day with 10-15 NE winds. We had a tough time finding the trout. Each caught on Mirrolures 52M's. Ended up with each of us bringing only one in around 20 inches. During the tide shift we decided to try Darlene's old favorite Croaker Hole and found quite a bit of action with Croakers on white Gulp grubs. Each fought like a Puppy Drum. Finished with seven nice ones with the biggest weighing 1 lb. 3 oz., I had it weighed at Ocean's East. It was 13.5 inches long.
- Dr James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



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Sun: 9:00am - 5:00pm



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25 SEP: Back from North Myrtle Beach after missing all the rain Hampton Roads. Slipped out for a couple hours and got this keeper and some shorts that I tagged. It's good to see some big ones showing up in Lynnhaven. I fished a half day with Inshore Charter in North Myrtle Beach. I only caught bait and landed a small blue and oyster toad I would not recommend that guide. - Jim Robinson

Sep 23: Louis Glaser and Doug Wilbrun departed Vinnings to fish Little Creek Inlet on Doug's boat *Fish On*. Using MirroLure MR27 & MR52's they boated their two person limit of Speckled Trout, including a 24" Spec.



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Angler Interests

SAFMC Approves Measures to Extend Cobia Season



If approved by the Secretary of Commerce, new regulations will be implemented in 2017 for Atlantic Cobia in federal waters offshore from Georgia to New York. The measures, approved by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council during their September meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC, are designed to help extend the season for both recreational and commercial fishermen and help ensure consistent and stable fishing opportunities for the migratory stock.

New regulations as proposed in Coastal Migratory Framework Amendment 4 would reduce the recreational bag limit from 2 fish to 1 fish per person per day, implement a vessel limit of 6 fish, and raise the recreational minimum size limit to 36" fork length. A commercial trip limit of 2 fish per person per day, with no more than 6 fish per vessel per day, whichever is more restrictive, would be established.

Norfolk Anglers Club Canned Food Drive....We never stop collecting



The Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore was pleased to receive the non-perishable food items we've been collecting at the meetings. As a club, we can certainly do more for those who could use our help.

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.

Elizabeth River RiverFest: Sunday October 9th at Paradise Creek Nature Park



The 2016 RiverFest moves to Paradise Creek nature Park this year. Riverfest runs from noon to 5pm, with a walk across the Jordan Bridge available from 1:00-3:00pm. Lots of fun and exciting things for adults and kids, and it's all FREE!



Paradise Creek Nature Park is open year round, dawn to dusk, 1141 Victory Blvd, Portsmouth, VA



Fall Fishing Flea Market , Saturday, October 22nd from 7:30am to 2:00pm at Captain Max King's Marine, 3829 Shore Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive

A Sea Tow gift collection for the less fortunate in our community this holiday season.

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Your Monthly Anglers Meeting or the following locations:

- Sea Tow Hampton Roads
- Boater's Warehouse at Hilltop
- Bill's Marine, Portsmouth



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