

# THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB WIRELINE

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- Sea Tow Hampton Roads Holiday Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive

# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Lots happening this month for our club. We've got the Membership's Fall Social on the 21st and the 5-Fish Tournament at Vinings on the 28th.

Don't forget to bring an un-giftwrapped toy to the meeting for the Sea Tow Hampton Roads' Stuff-A-Boat Holiday Toy Drive. Ed & Karen Schrader will collect them up and deliver them to the USMCR Toys-for-Tots campaign in December. Last year local Angler Clubs and businesses collected more than 800 new and unwrapped toys for children in Hampton Roads. So be generous and help make a Tidewater child's holiday brighter.



As always, we're collecting food and other non-perishable items for the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. See the Anglers Interest section of information on the types of items they need.

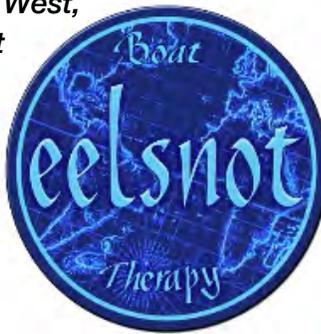
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## MEETING

**Guest Speaker: Toby West with eelsnot Protective Coatings**

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## Important:

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

## Location:

Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill  
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## Club Calendar

### October

Monday, Oct 9th: Club Meeting

Saturday, Oct 21st: Member's Fall Social

Tuesday, Oct 24th: VMRC Meeting

Saturday, Oct 28th: Member's 5-Fish  
Tournament at Vinings Landing  
Marine Center (VLMC)

### November

Monday, Nov 13th: Club Meeting

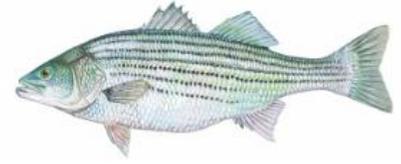
# Fall Social

Saturday - October 21, 2017  
Virginia Beach  
Members and Families



## Rockfish - Fishing for Stripers on the Eastern Shore:

Captain Kenny Louderback, Fish Freaks Guide Service



"The BIG Fish of the Bay" as Captain Kenny Louderback describes them were once easily caught everywhere in the Chesapeake Bay. However, for whatever reason be it changing environmental conditions, reduction in the food source, or altered migration patterns, fishing for Striped Bass had gotten more challenging in the past five years. Fishing off the Eastern Shore for the past 23 years, he described fewer and fewer Rockfish being caught with Sea Lice on them, possibly indicating the fish had not recently migrated from the ocean and into the Bay and may likely be coming from one of the many Bay tributaries. He explained most of the Stripers are being caught in the Bay north of the Red 42 Buoy off Church Point on the Eastern Shore. During the 2016 season, Rockfish were even further north between Buoys 46 and 54 in the Rappahannock Shoal Channel.

Captain Louderback has two methods for catching Rockfish; Trolling Eels and Drifting Eels. He explained it's important to keep your baits above the Rockfish where they'll see the eel. That means placing your bait generally in the top 3 to 10 feet of the water column. He'll slow troll along natural bottom contours in water no deeper than 42 feet and at an average speed of 1-1.5 knots *with* the current. Although designed for calmer waters, a common planer board used is the Trophy Stalker Planer Board. Planer boards will pull the main line away from the boat on each side. Captain Louderback likes to have three boards out on each side and a single line directly behind the boat rigged with just a sinker.

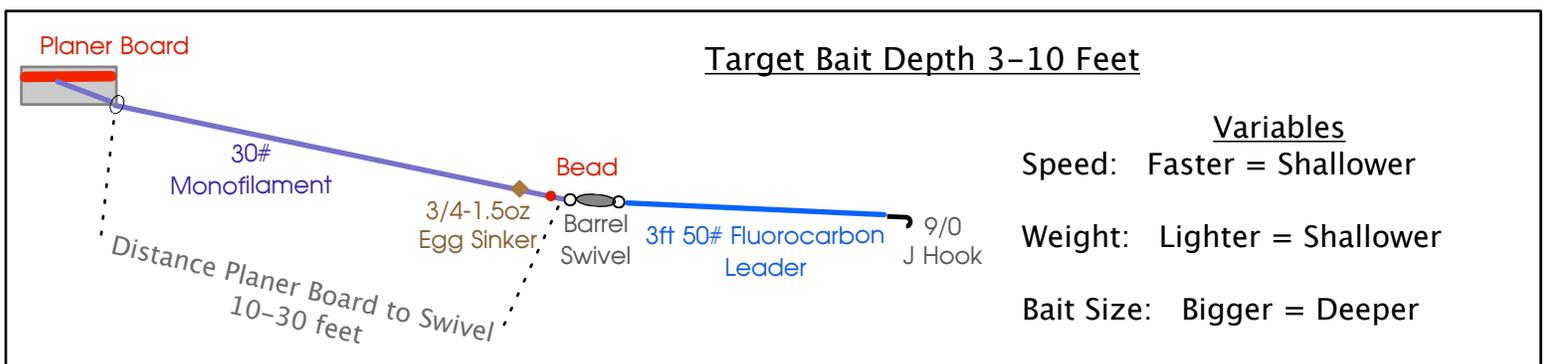


Planer boards are designed to "trip" and release the main line from the plastic clip when a fish strikes and pulls the bait. You should always check the strength of the planer board clip and replace any that release too early. Scotty makes a great replacement clip with a firm clamping action.

A number of variables come into play when setting the depth for your bait; trolling speed, bait size, amount of weight, length & size of line can all affect the depth. Anglers should try and keep the trolling speed between 1 to 1.5 knots and adjust other variables to alter the bait depth. Typically, using 30# Monofilament mainline and trolling with the tide/current at 1-1.5 knots with fifteen feet between the planer board and the barrel swivel will place the bait around an 8-10 ft target depth.



Captain Louderback will setup three planer boards on each side of the boat with the first board placed as far out as possible. Wind and sea conditions will dictate how far you'll get the planer board out from the boat.



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## Fishing Tips...

**Setting out the planers:** Start by setting out the planers off the stern quarter (#1 & #2) as far out from the boat as possible. One side will always set better and easier than the other side if there's a fair amount of wind present. Then place the second set half the distance than the first set. The third planer set is closer to the boat. The slow speed of the boat will cause the planers to pull away from the boat and get your baits covering a large area. The last rig placed is directly astern without a planer (#7) and it should be placed about even with the furthest planers.

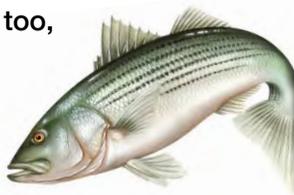
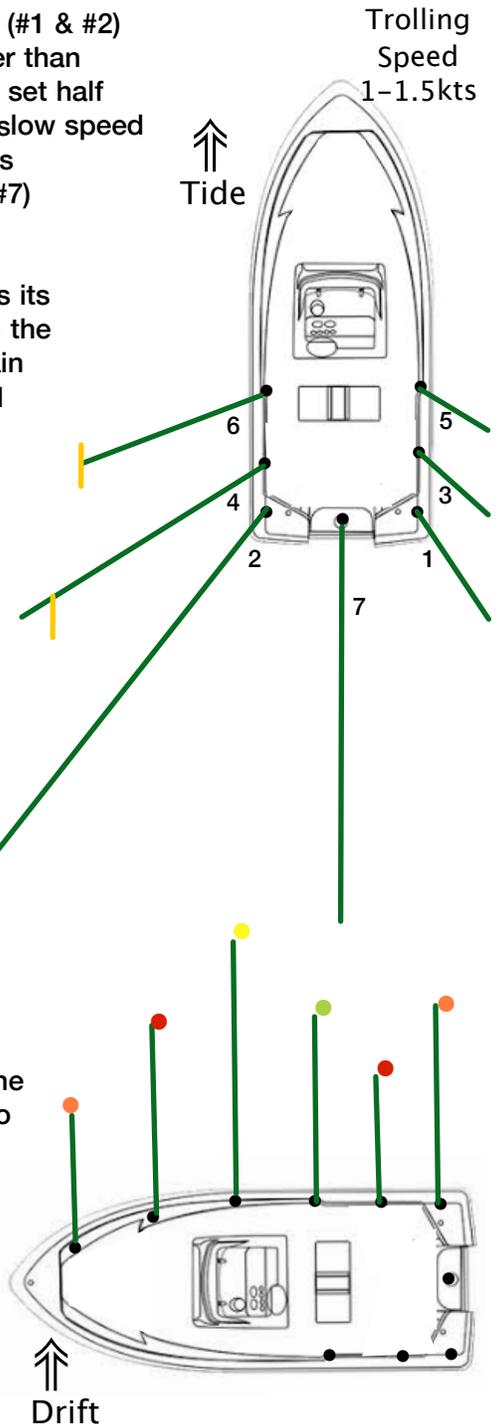
When a fish strikes, the planer will trail astern of the boat after the fish makes its initial run. It's important to clear the single line astern to prevent tangling with the hooked fish. It's not necessary to clear all the lines if they're tracking. Captain Louderback advised that occasionally Stripers will follow the hooked fish and keeping the planers working can result in multiple hook-ups.

**Drifting Eels for Rockfish:** The second method of targeting Rockfish by *Fish Freaks Guide Service* is drifting eels. This technique is very effective if you've found the Rockfish remaining in an area of structure or bait for several days. Set out your Rockfish rigs on bobbers and float them out away from the boat as far you desire. Much like trolling, in fact it's the same rig only rigged to a bobber, anglers want to cover as much of the area as possible and the target depth of 3-10ft. Placing the boat broadside to the drift and using rod holders on one side will allow anglers to float rigs on bobbers and cover the target depth.

**Rods, Reels, and Rigging:** *Fish Freaks Guide Service* uses Penn Squall (20LW) reels spooled with 30 pound monofilament line on a

Tsunami Sapphire XT 7 ft Medium-Heavy Rod (SABCXT). Captain Louderback shared the M-H rod is important when trolling for Stripers. As the boat trolls the rod tip will bend and give a little while the planer pulls against the waves. This give & take causes the bait to change its presentation and results in a "reaction strike" by the stripers.

Rigged to the mono main line is your egg sinker (3/4oz to 1.5 oz) and a small bead before the knot tying to the barrel swivel. The bead keeps the sinker from chafing the knot. Following the swivel is 3 feet of 50# fluorocarbon leader. Lastly, hooks are a quality 9/0 J-Hook. Brands like Gamakatsu, Owner and Laser Sharp are all fine. J-hooks do very well hooking the hard mouth of Rockfish. Circle hooks work too, however, a higher percentage of hook-up occur with J-hooks.



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*Fish Freaks Guide Service*  
**Capt. Kenny Louderback**

## Red Drum - Fishing for Citation Red Drum on the Eastern Shore:

*Captain Kenny Louderback, Fish Freaks Guide Service*

Spring and Fall are two great times to target Citation Red Drum along the Eastern Shore. This is a catch and release fishery that offers Anglers an opportunity to register a Virginia Saltwater Citation on Red Drum greater than 46 inches in length.



Because Citation Red Drum is a release fishery anglers should practice care in landing, handling, and releasing these fish. Anglers should use Circle Hooks to minimize the risk of gut-hooking these fish and prevent further injury. Red Drum put up a vigorous fight and require resuscitation before release. One of the best practices for releasing these fish is to use a Boggo Grip or Lip Gripping device to secure the fish while allowing water to pass through their gills. Once the fish is fully revived, only then is it ready to be released.

Captain Kenny Louderback, with *Fish Freaks Guide Service* targets Citation Red Drum bottom fishing with a classic fishfinder rig along the Eastern Shore. In the spring, Nautilus Shoal off Fisherman's Island provides the perfect area to target Drum. Later in the year, Latimer Shoal and Nine Foot Shoal provide anglers with some of the best opportunity to hook into these monsters. Anglers should look to fishing areas where shallow water is surrounded by deeper water and any contours that rise off the bottom. Two hours before sunset and a couple of hours after is a prime time to fish on an incoming tide. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel 3rd and 4th Islands also provide a good area to find big Red Drum.



Try using cut bait, such as Bunker, Spot or Croaker hooked onto a 9/0 and up to a 12/0 Circle hook. Prepare the bait by cutting off the tail and hooking through the eyes. If sharks become a problem, and they surely will, try using hard shell Blue Crab with the legs removed. Place your circle hook through the leg sockets. Peeler crabs (soft Shells) also make a great bait for Drum.



Capt Louderback prefers using a Medium Heavy rod rigged with 80 pound Braided line with a 80# Monofilament Leader. Drag setting on the reel should be light and anglers can leave the rod in the boat's rod holder. Once the Drum takes the bait and makes their run the circle hook will work its way to the fish's corner of the mouth. When the drag is increased the hook is automatically set and the fight begins.

Remember, this is a Catch & Release fishery and Red Drum fight hard and must be revived before released in order to protect and preserve our great fishery.



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### Fish Freaks Guide Service Fishfinder Rig

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Sliding  
Sinker  
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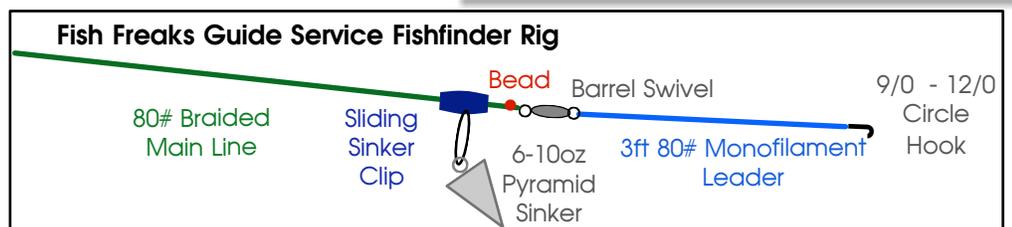
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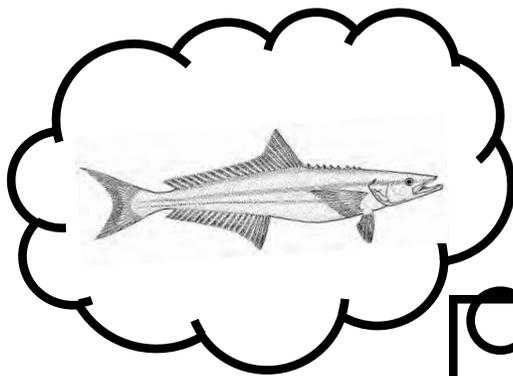
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6-10oz  
Pyramid  
Sinker

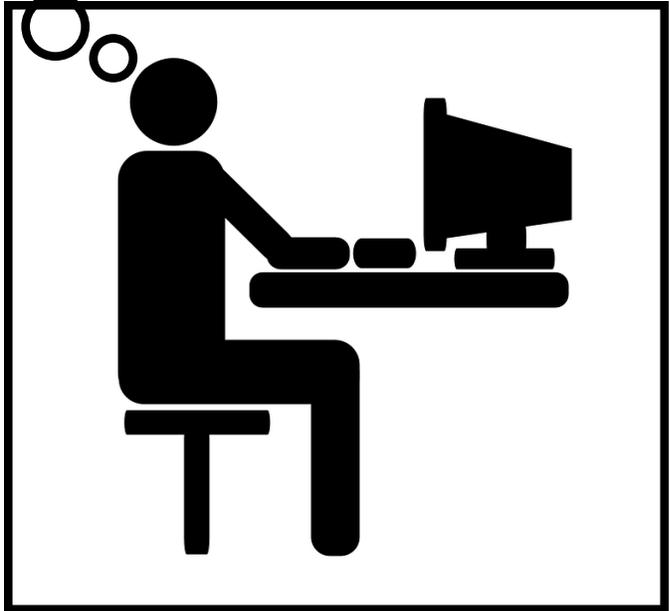
3ft 80# Monofilament  
Leader

9/0 - 12/0  
Circle  
Hook





*To better understand economic impacts and value generated by recreational fisheries, researchers from VIMS will be surveying anglers this October. The survey includes questions on fishing methods, costs, preferences and focuses on the recreational cobia fishery. We want to hear from all types of anglers, so please consider participating in the study!*



*HOW to HELP: Take the survey! Check your email for a survey invitation in October.*

# Holiday Toy Drive

Sea Tow Hampton Roads will be collecting New and Unwrapped Toys for their Stuff-A-Boat Holiday Toy Drive at the September meeting



The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign will receive and distribute toys to local children

# Fishing Reports...

4 Sep: As Fall arrives, Mary and I have always done pretty good fishing some of the inshore wrecks. Sea Bass, Trigger, Sheephead, Spadefish, and Tautog can provide for a nice mixed bag. This past Labor Day, was a perfect day to be on the water. Mary and I made a short run to one of our favorite wrecks and were rewarded with some very nice size Triggerfish.



From about 9AM to noon we had a steady bite. Then about noon it just shut off. Being great to eat but a little tough to fillet, we kept 7 for the freezer. We also caught a few small Sea Bass, and the mandatory half dozen Toadfish. About 1PM we ran to the reef West of the tower to try drifting for some Flounder. With a slight breeze against the little current, we only drifted about 300 feet in an hour. During that time we caught 2 Sharks and 1 or 2 Toadfish so we called it a day. The water around our boat was loaded with tiny Spadefish (4 -5 inches) and every time we would bring in a fish a bunch of the Spadefish would follow right up to the boat. Because they were so little we did not try to fish for them. Back at our dock a neighbor who was diving the Tower reported clouds of these tiny Spadefish. Hopefully, they will return next summer at a decent size. Looking forward to a great Fall of fishing! - Henry Troutner

30 AUG: I fished with Louis Glaser at Little Creek looking for Specks or Puppy Drum and we found them all over. We were catching one after another, with the majority between 12-16 inches and needing to be thrown back in. All were hitting rubber baits with lead head jigs but I was lucky to find my first only keeper sized one, a 25 inch one on a green Gulp 4 inch swim bait. Louis's only keeper was an 18 inch that day. We caught over 30 that day and just left them when the tide went slack. Great opening of the Puppy Drum season for us. We also caught 9 throwback Specks that day. We had caught the end of the outgoing tide I believe. -Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower





6 SEP: We cruised the pilings between the 2nd and 3rd Island looking for Cobia and did not see any. We then set up at the 3rd Island for Drum and caught one at 47" along with quite a few Sharks. On Sept 13th we saw 4 Cobia between the 2nd and 3rd Island but only 1 was a keeper at 47". We then caught a couple of Flounder at the 4th Island up to 19" and Bluefish up to 16". On Sept 14th we saw only 1 Cobia in the pilings but could not get him to hit. Then we anchored up at the 3rd Island catching several Blues on the Drum bait and casting lures up to 20".  
- Mike Griffith

14 SEP: I took the kayak to Lynnhaven to give the Puppy Drum/Speckle Trout a shot. I got all my light tackle together the evening before; Mirro-Lures, Browns, popping corks, jigs, gulp and z-man. I was set. There were several accidents on my trip from Smithfield and it

took me about 1 3/4 hours. I stopped at Oceans East to buy some of the smallest minnows in the world. Note - check them before you pay. After putting the kayak in the water I started to rig my rods before I shoved off. **BUT, where is my tackle???** OH, on the counter in the garage where I left it. I had nothing but my 2 rods. A very nice guy and gal at the ramp gave me a 6 packs of hooks and wouldn't take any money. caught 2 Drum, one about 16" and the other 20". The Speckled Trout were jumping all over the bay in the shallows by the oyster bars but were not interested in my minnow. Can't wait to go back with some proper tackle. - Henry Troutner

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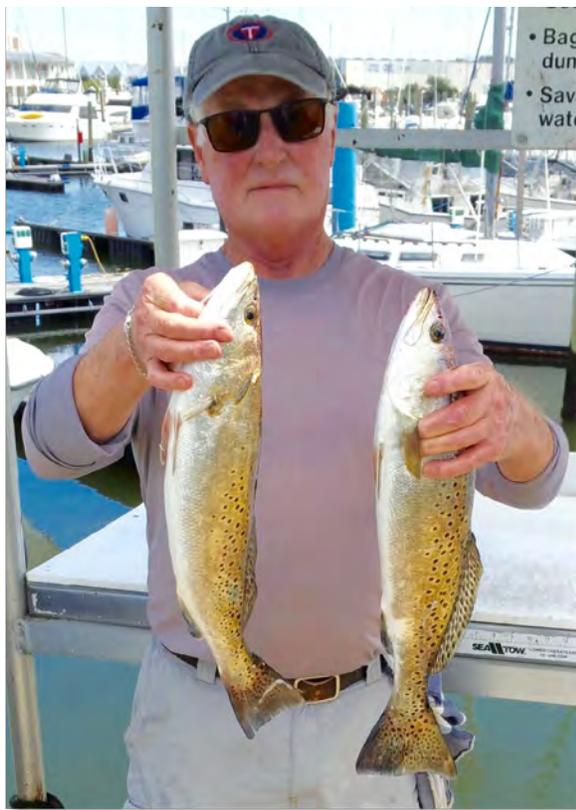


14 SEP: I left Little Creek with Taylor fishing for Speckled Trout. We ended up with 9 keepers using mirror lures. Taylor wants the world to know that he caught the biggest!  
- Louis Glaser

5 SEP: Louis and I went out with Bert Sainz to Little Creek for some Speckled Trout and Puppy Drum. The tide was coming in and we had a NW wind. We used #27 Mirrolures and green curly tails on 1/4 oz jigs. We caught 8 (15 to 20 inch) Speckled Trout and a couple of small sized pups.

16 SEP: I went out with Bert Sainz fishing for Speckled Trout in Little Creek. The wind was light and water outgoing. We caught 7 throw backs. I caught and released a fat 28" Speckled Trout on a #17 Mirrolure. Thank you Bert for putting me on big girl!

On Sept. 23rd I went out speck fishing with Nick Wright in the Lynnhaven. We had 10-15 mph winds and an incoming tide. The first 3 hours was a lot of casting and no bites. The last 2 hours produced 5 nice Speckled Trout (up to 19") that we kept and 4 legal size Speckled Trout and a dozen smaller ones that we threw back.  
- Ned Smith



6 SEP: The winds were calm, so Nick Wright and I decided to work the High Rise Bridge area for Flounder. Within 5 minutes we had a nice 23" on board and we thought that the bite was on. Two hours later we still had 1 Flounder, a dozen huge toads, and 3 eels over 3 feet long. We moved closer to the 4th Island and picked up a 20" but continued to catch toads. We finally decided to go to the 2nd Island to fish the slack current; we hooked up 2 more keeper Flounder and a throw back. We caught the fish on jigging 2 and 3 oz. jigs with cobia belly and flounder strips.  
- Ned Smith



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12 SEP: While Louis and I fished several times in the Little Creek the week before and caught a few keeper fish it was really sporadic until this day. The wind was blowing 15 mph out of the east and very overcast and I didn't really expect to catch much but Louis goes fishing almost every day during Speck season so I figured I had nothing to lose. We fished the Pretty Lake to start with and only caught a couple of small ones as the tide started to go out after high tide. We just headed to the jetties to see if it was fishable. It was rough so we set up close to the shore/rocks and since it was blowing so hard I started out with a MirrOlures MR-25, Catch 5 chartreuse color which is a heavy lure that suspends in the water. On the first cast it was game on. I hooked up with a fish over 20 inches, then Louis hooked up using a Catch 2000 same color. For about an hour, we were hooking up almost

every cast. We had all keeper sized fish at first. We moved along with the school but eventually the bite died off. Mixed in with the keepers were throw back sized fish under 14 inch but in no time we had a double limit of Speckled Trout 16 to 23 inch long. *This was the best Speckled Trout catching day of my life. Even Louis agreed with that!* - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



Front Cover Picture!

15 SEP: Louis invited me to fish with Taylor Lyne, his Veterinarian friend from Richmond, who had his boat in Vinings Landing. We had a moving current and we found the fish but the bite was really slow. We were just catching one fish here and one fish there.

We were all fishing with MirrOlures mostly MR-27's. Louis had the biggest catch 23" but it was really fat and likely weighed over 4 pounds. I actually had three fish on that got off the hook which is unusual for me. We moved around the jetties a lot until Taylor pulled up a 19" Flounder on a rubber bait. We switched to rubber in this one place where deeper water was and in no time I had an 18" on. We finished with 4 Flounder total at 17-19" and 10 Speckled Trout at 16-23". This was a long hard day, we moved a lot! - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



28 SEP: I have been waiting for the wind to subside down. The Speckle Trout are calling me!



29 SEP: I finally got two nice keepers at the end of Ebb tide. Only dinks after that.

- Jimmy Robinson



31 AUG: After such a wonderful catch with Louis and I had the day before with Puppies, we just had to get back at them in Little Creek. We left Vinings Landing at 8:30AM trying to catch the last of the tide again and hoped for bigger ones and man did we find them. As soon as we got there I hooked up one, what I knew from the drag going off, was a big Puppy and then Louis hooked up at the same time with a big one too.

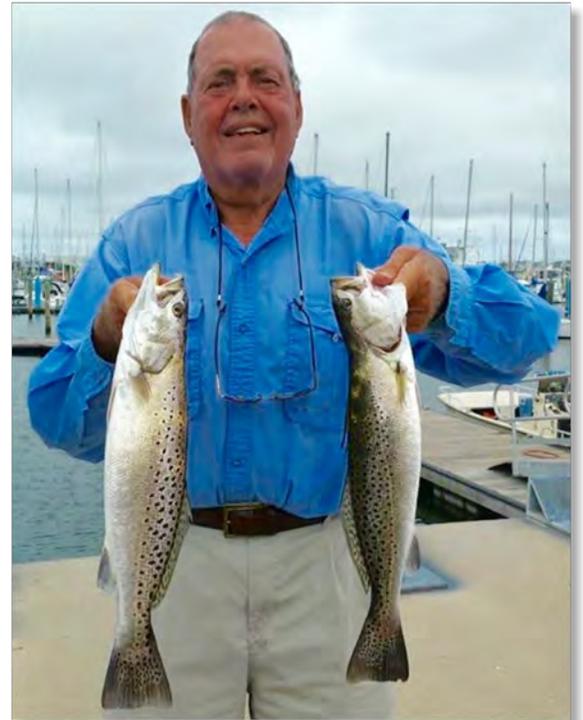
From that point on we caught one slot size Pup after another so that by 9:30AM we had our limit of 10 measuring from 21-25 inches. Of course we had to weed through the throwback sized fish, 15-17 inch so we must have caught a dozen of them. All were on rubber again, Gulp for me and they seemed to like the body without the tail just as much as a whole one with tail. From that point on we threw back all the fish regardless of size.

My guess is that we each caught over a dozen in the 21-25 inch range. Again the bite quit when the tide turned. All were caught on 4 "Gulp swimming mullet. Water temp 77 degrees. What an awesome bite. We had never caught so many big ones. Louis went out again but didn't catch many the next day but I had to rest at home and recuperate, my arm was sore from all the pullage of the two days in a row.  
- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower & Louis Glaser

2 SEP: It was a foggy morning so I decided to go into Little Creek looking for Red Drum. No luck so I decided to go for Speckled Trout. I ended up with my limit. All caught on MR 27 mirror lure, color pink & green.



25 SEP It was a windy day so I started in Pretty Lake with nothing but small Speckled Trout. Got a call from Taz who said there were a couple of boats in Little Creek so I decided to try fishing it. I had my limit in 45 min. All fish were caught on MR 27 in 4 feet of water. - Louis Glaser



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31 AUG: Since earlier in the week Russell and I had spoken about fishing for Spot and Pups in the Lynnhaven, we had planned to fish on the 31st in the afternoon. Louis and I had finished early with our limit of Pups in the Little Creek and even cleaned them so I just drove down to Lynnhaven ramp and we launched Russell's skiff.

The agenda with the incoming tide was to fish spot until high tide which was right at dusk then hit the coves for Pups. In Broad Bay Creek, we found really fat Spot about a dozen of them using nightcrawlers as bait in no time. We then headed for the shallow coves that are plentiful in the southern branch of the Lynnhaven and are only accessible at high tide.

Russell decided we would try a new area and right after we set up our lines. Russell using frozen mullet and me using green Gulp swim tails, I had a keeper on my line. Of course this fish had to tangle up a couple of lines but I managed to wrangle him to the boat and in the net, 22 inch. I took a picture of this one and then Russell's line started to pull his rod out of the boat. He grabbed it just in time and had a 23" Pup in the boat. Then before I could barely get the fish out of the net another of Russell's lines started moving. This one was an 18" that Russell released.

I hooked but lost another nice one and Russell caught a couple of throwback sized Reds before the sun was down enough for us to barely see our way back to the dock. Russell kept all the fish since I had 5 reds all cleaned already in my cooler. A totally hot bite day for me on both trips and a few meals for Russell. I needed a rest for a few days, I was sore. - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower

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19 SEP: Richard Lewis and i caught nearly 300 fish between 7 and 11AM. We caught Spot, Croaker, Flounder, Speckled Trout, Black Drum, Sea Bass and Pigfish in the Lynnhaven Inlet - Ben Capps

13 SEP: Doug Wilburn had arranged to take me out on his 20 ft Maycraft Center Console that he keeps at Vinings Landing to fish for Specks first in Little Creek. I brought along my Tracker V14 skiff for Spot in the Lynnhaven for the afternoon. We were of course hoping for the same great catching Louis and I had the day before but that just didn't happen. We only caught two keepers before leaving for the Lynnhaven with my boat. Now that was another story. We launched out of Crab Creek and then headed for the Broad Bay Creek on the incoming tide and found them biting. But they only were biting in the middle of the creek so controlling the drift was crucial. Too fast and we missed the bite. They seemed to catch best on nightcrawlers. We had lots of company and everyone was catching good, whether anchored or drifting. In three hours we had 4 dozen nice ones in the cooler. Doug had his fill for a while.

- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



20 SEP: I fished for 2 hours on incoming tide from my pier on the James River. I caught 4 Speckled Trout, 1 Rockfish and a couple Perch. Mainly I caught Gray Trout about every third cast. All of the fish were released. - Jack Salvant



4 SEP I went fishing with Bert Sainz & Andy Reid on a nice morning in Little Creek for Trout. We caught 5 then Bert wanted to try for Flounder. We ended up with 10 Flounder. Andy is holding up the 2 biggest. All caught at the CBBT.

- Louis Glaser

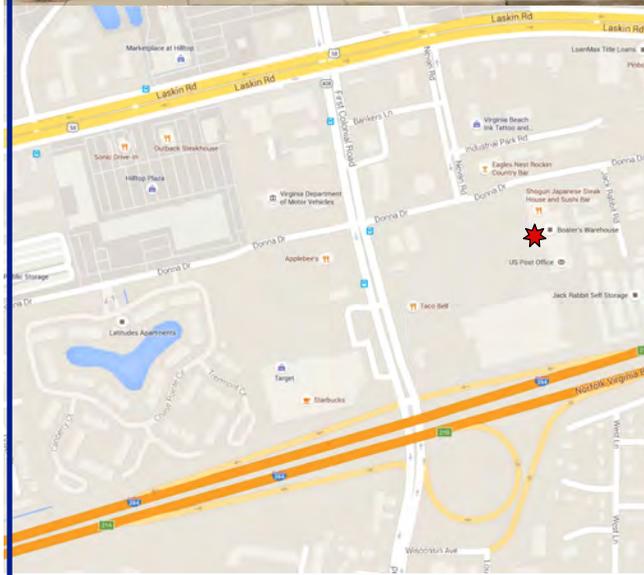
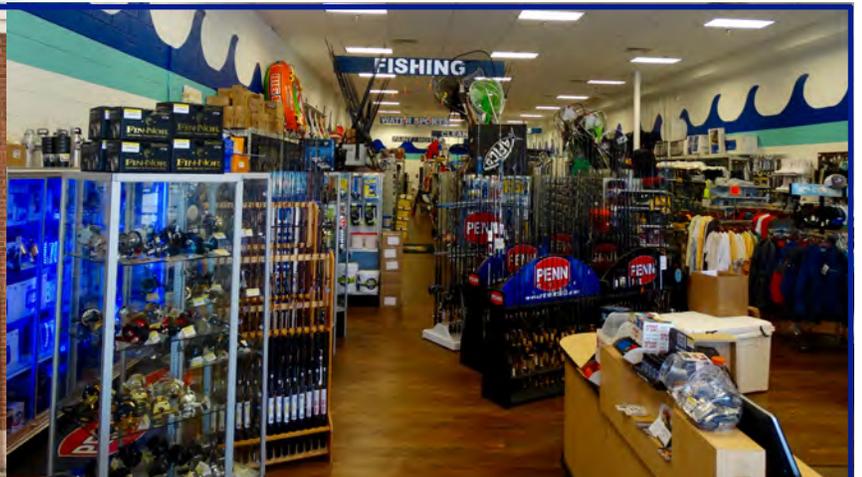


13 SEP: I caught a quite a few Spot on a fantastic day with my buddy Jimmy Kolb! - Jimmy Robinson

7 SEP: The Spot catch the previous week with Russell was so good I had to go again for more. Bob Stuhlman was finally able to get a day free from helping his wife who just had rotator cuff surgery. We planned for me to pick him up in my Tracker V14 skiff at the Lynnhaven Marina dock on Long Creek and fish on the incoming tide. It was a windy overcast day with NW winds blowing about 10-15 mph so the wind and current were headed in the same direction making the drift fast. We started in the Long Creek and found scattered Spot, bigger than my hand there and picked up about a dozen.

Then we headed for the Broad Bay Creek and fished from the Great Neck Rd to the Broad Bay and hit the mother lode as we started catching two at a time. The key was keeping the boat drifting slowly so I kept the engine running in gear with bow in the current while we fished. Of course Bob was bringing in most of them but I could still hook Spot while driving.

We ended up the day of fishing as the current shifted with about 5 dozen in my cooler. Since Bob doesn't like to eat Spot I was going to have to find friends to clean and eat them. After dropping Bob off at his marina I got a call from Louis checking on how we were catching the spot. He had Doug Wilburn with him as they had just finished fishing the Little Creek and only caught one keeper Speckled Trout. I asked them if they wanted some Spot and they planned to meet me at the Crab Creek ramp. Getting back to the Crab Creek was an effort since the NW wind had increased. I have only a 9.9 hp Mercury 4 stroke on my Tracker but I made it in time for Doug to help me ramp the boat and give him 3 dozen, leaving me 2 for dinner for me and family. Great day fishing and timing for the whole day with friend Bob and Doug! Doug couldn't have been happier driving home to Mechanicsville with all those Spot for a few meals! - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



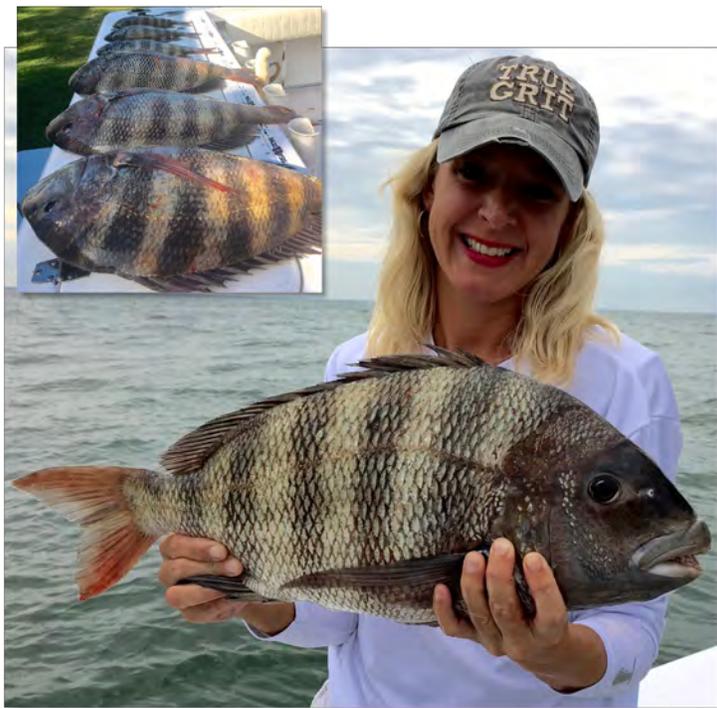
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22 SEP: Kevin and I decided to hit the Bay to investigate the sheep scene and get some fresh air to hopefully cure this flu. As we left the dock, we were soon greeted with super rough seas and high waves and I couldn't help but think of soup. Yes, it's safe to say the Bay looked like soup, ha! These conditions made certain areas unsafe to fish but we did manage a few decent spots throughout the day. Within minutes of dropping our lines, we were automatically greeted by the 'Tog patrol' out there. Then a few minutes later my rod bent down and my line started zipping, our first sheep of the day suddenly appeared on the boat. Amazing how I suddenly forgot all about the flu at that very moment, "Sheep-soup". I guess it is true what they say, that it's good for the soul, ha ha! Shortly after, more Tautogs appeared and then more Sheepshead. We moved around many times throughout the day and headed back to the dock early afternoon with not a single live fiddler or live blue crab left. We had 6 Sheepshead in the box, salty air in our lungs and smiles on our faces! It sure beats sitting on the couch and watching the TV, I'll take it! Tight Lines Everyone!

- Beth Synowiec



29 SEP: I Fished with Burt Whitt today in Little Creek for Speckled Trout. The water clarity was beautiful, water temperature was 76 degrees. We caught our limit on Mirror Lures. - Louis Glaser

Magic Carpet Ride made 3 dedicated Bluefish and Spanish trips earlier this month. We had good success on the Bluefish and limited success with the Spanish.

We were using the standard Old Salty #1 and #2 planer and Drone and Clark spoons tied to 20' of 20# leader. We up sized the baits to #1 1/2 and #2 1/2. We also dragged a black and orange boone bird with a spoon 5' behind it. The planers out fished the bird by at least 5 to 1. L.B. Huntington Drone spoons have a new line of colors that we were pulling (electric blue and electric green with gold flash) both caught a lot of fish and are pictured!

Our speed was 1500 to 1600 rpm which is about 4.5 kts. We tried to maintain the rpm regardless of direction relative to the current. We noticed a higher hook up ratio when trolling with the current.

Trip 1 was on Sept 7 with Gregg Rogers, John Ghetty and I. We left Bay Point Marina at 7AM due to the currents at the Chesapeake Channel (slack at 0740) where we planned to fish. Fishing was good and we had plenty of Bluefish probably 20 that we kept, 10 or 15 spit the hook and we released another dozen or so and 2 20" Spanish.

Trip 2 had Rob Slaton, Scott Schielke, Mark Dumstorff and I. We had a good day and were able to put a lot of Bluefish in the cooler. We saw Mike Delbridge at the 3rd Island who wanted some Bluefish for bait and the smoker. We had a total of 33 fish we kept.

Trip 3 had Mike Douglas, Tom Hubert, John Ghetty and I. We again loaded up on the Bluefish and gave the fish to some dock hands at Little Creek Marina and dry storage.

Magic Carpet is fishing on Saturday 30 SEP also. I plan on keeping some Bluefish and canning it for my mother (she loves Bluefish). - Mike Hubert



**3 SEP:** My friend Danny Moore drove down from New Jersey to join me in an attempt to catch a King Mackerel. We ran to the Sandbridge bouy and put a live snapper Bluefish 20 foot down on the downrigger. We slow trolled out about six miles when the downrigger clip pops and the rod doubles over. After a five minute fight to our surprise a 37 inch Cobia comes along side the boat for the net, then the release.

**16 SEP:** Danny returns with the hopes for a Red Drum and Sheepshead. We try the Second Island on anchor using half fresh Croaker and Bluefish on the bottom. After half an hour Danny hooks up with a strong Southern Sting Ray that refused to come in. Danny and the ray decided to reach an agreement and both parted ways safely. Constantly shadowing the ray was a mid-30's inch Cobia that would not leave the ray's side.



After soaking bait a little longer and no decent bites we decided to move onto Sheepshead. Before moving on, I reel in a bait and find a Croaker that helped finish off the bait. The especially hungry Croaker came in hooked by a 8/0 circle hook!

We started fishing the pilings using fiddler crabs and we were only able to catch five Tautog to 14 inches.

The next day the wind picked up so we decided to fish the Elizabeth River very early.



This time joined by Bill Hamilton, we fished the coal docks finding Speckled Trout up to 19 inches, puppy Drum up to 24 inches, Grey Trout, small Striper and Black Sea Bass up to 15 inches. - Alex Perez

# Angler Interests

## Sea Tow Hampton Roads Stuff-a-Boat Holiday Toy Drive



Sea Tow Hampton Roads and The Local Angler Clubs will be collecting toys this year for the "Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive". We will be collecting toys that are new and un-giftwrapped. Last year we were able to collect over 800 toys due to the Angler Clubs tremendous participation. The only thing we are asking of club members is to bring a toy to your monthly Angler's Club meeting in the months of October, November, and December. Sea Tow Hampton Roads will attend your meeting each month and collect the toys. If for some reason you don't make the monthly meetings, you can visit

[www.facebook.com/SeaTowHamptonRoads](http://www.facebook.com/SeaTowHamptonRoads) for locations where drop off boxes are available.

In December everyone will be invited to our office for hot apple cider, donuts & pizza and we will stuff the Sea Tow Boat with toys that we collected. The Marines from Toys for Tots will come to the Sea Tow office and 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 all of your support. If you have any questions or know of anyone who would like a box to collect toys you may contact Karen or Ed Schrader at 757-496-1999.



## 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.

## Crappie Tournament

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club is hosting a December Crappie Tournament at Lake Smith on December 9th. Entry fee \$20 (Adults), \$10 (Children under 16). Lines in at 8:00am with Weigh-in Time from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. To register for the event contact the Tournament Director, Preston Mangum at 757.582.1450 or [PMangum@RoseandWomble.com](mailto:PMangum@RoseandWomble.com). Anglers may also register the day of the event at Lake Smith. Prizes include \$150 First Place and \$75 Second Place with prizes awarded on the heaviest single fish.



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