



THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

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## What's Inside

Guest Speaker: Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Project Update, Kevin Carroll with Dominion Energy and Ron Larsen with Sea Risk Solutions

Fishing Tips; Captain Ed Schrader, *SeaTow Hampton Roads*

### Fishing Reports;

- Little Creek: Speckled Trout, Puppy Drum, Bluefish
- Lynnhaven: Puppy Drum, Flounder
- James River/Chuckatuck Creek: Puppy Drum
- James River: Croaker, Striped Bass
- CBBT: Spadefish, Gray Trout
- Inshore Wrecks: Black Sea Bass, Tautog, Hound Fish, Gray Triggerfish
- New York/Lake Ontario/Sodus Bay: King Salmon, Coho Salmon, Lake Trout

# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

The Virginia Cobia season ended last month. For those anglers who have a 2021 Cobia fishing permit, do not forget to make your required report to VMRC via the Saltwater Journal no later than October 6th! Even if you didn't fish for Cobia, you still must make a report. Once you complete your "Did not participate" report, you'll see it noted in your Virginia Saltwater Journal and receive a confirmation email. Failure to make the reporting requirement will make you ineligible for a Cobia permit next year.

We're saddened to announce Steve Harding passed away on Sept 9th. Steve was an avid angler who would get on the crappie as often as circumstance would allow. Steve is survived by his Brother Wallace and his wife Jeanette. Steve was buried at the Union Cemetery, Leesburg, VA on September 16th.



## Meeting

**Guest Speaker: Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Project**

We have Kevin Carroll with Dominion Energy and Ron Larsen with Sea Risk Solutions joining us share the latest information regarding the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project.



**Coastal Virginia  
Offshore Wind**



**Important:  
October 18th NAC Meeting at  
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk**

## Publishers NOTES

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# Club Calendar

## October

October 1-3, Free Saltwater Fishing Days in Virginia

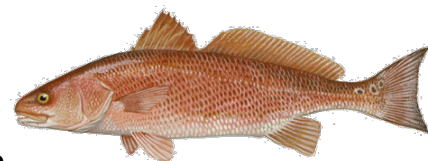
October 6th, Deadline for Reporting 2021 Cobia Harvest

Sat, October 2nd, Stan Sutliff Memorial Surf  
Fishing Tournament, Sandbridge

Mon, October 18th at 7:00pm, Club Meeting,  
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

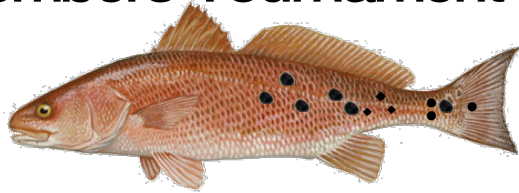


## **Speckled Trout - Red Drum Club Members Tournament September 1st - November 30th**



- This is a Norfolk Anglers Club Members tournament running from September 1st until November 30th
- Targeted Species are Speckled Trout (any length) and Red Drum (maximum length 26 inches Total Length)
- \$5 Entry Fee due before fishing
- For fish caught in Virginia and/or North Carolina waters only
- This is a Total Length Tournament Only
- Winner determined by; 1. Total Length of fish, 2. Date of Catch, 3. Date of entry submission
- 1st Place \$100 Gift Card, 2nd Place \$50 Gift Card, 3rd Place \$25 Gift Card for each species category
- All fishing must be in accordance with State fishing regulations for recreational anglers
- Entries must be submitted via the Norfolk Anglers Prize Fish Entry Form (Available at [www.NorfolkAnglersClub.com](http://www.NorfolkAnglersClub.com))

# Club Members Tournament for 2021



## Redfish "Spots" Tournament

### Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
- Must have the Norfolk Anglers Club decal in the photo with the fish on a measuring device\* showing the total length of the fish. See NAC Prize Fish Contest Rules for measuring info. \*Entries received with decal and no measurement can only be judged by number of spots.
- Red Drum/Redfish up to 26 inches in length only and caught in Virginia and North Carolina waters
- Awards determined by 1st: number of Spots (on one side), 2nd: Largest Fish up to 26 inches, 3rd: Date of Catch
- Entries submitted on the Club Prize Fish Entry Form with photo (can be sent electronically to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)
- No entry fee except the cost of the decal (\$1)
- \$50.00 Gift Card to the 1st Place Angler, \$25.00 Gift Card for the 2nd Place Angler.

**Entries: Rusty Mitchell (1), William Ragulsky (1), Henry Troutner (2), Jerry Hughes (1)**



## Oyster Toadfish Tournament

### Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021
- Awards determined by Total Weight and then by date of catch
- Additional Award for Best Oyster Toad Photo
- Entries submitted by email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com in the form of a Fishing Report; who was fishing, stating total weight, with photo
- Weighing need not be on a certified scale and may be done by the angler, just try to avoid weighing fish on a pitching boat
- No entry fee (we would never charge a fee for catching Toads)
- 1st Place, 2nd Place, and Best Photo Winners get a Non-Tipping Oyster Toad Can Cooler from Oyster Toad Outfitters
- Winners will be determined by our Tournament Director



"AJ" Perez, the Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (OTTD)

**Entries: Alex Perez, Sr. (1), Will Bransom (1)**

### *OysterToads - Did you Know?*

*Alternate common names: Toadfish, Dowdy.*

*Color: Blotchy, olive brown bodies fading to pale below. They are capable of changing color to match the bottom, and their eyes are blue.*

*Size: Up to 12 inches long.*

*Habitat: Sandy, rocky, and muddy bottoms on oyster reefs, shoal water, among eelgrass, hollows, or dens.*

**Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries**  
**January 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021**

Freshwater		Saltwater	
Species	Name (#Entries)	Species	Name (#Entries)
Crappie	James Eisenhower (10)	Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard (2) Alex Perez, Sr (1)
Chain Pickerel	James Eisenhower (2)	Tautog	Will Bransom (1)
		Blueline Tilefish	Greg Rogers (2) Mike Hubert (3)
		Shark	Greg Rogers (1) Kelly Hoggard (8)
		Black Sea Bass	Mike Hubert (1)
		Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard (6)
		Spanish Mackerel	Kelly Hoggard (1)
		Cobia	Tripp Seed (1)
		Flounder	Mike Griffin (1)
		Pompano	Kelly Hoggard (1)
		White Marlin	Kelly Hoggard (1)
		Speckled Trout	James Eisenhower (2)
		Gray Triggerfish	AJ Perez, Jr (6)

\*\*\*\*Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Saltwater) or Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (Freshwater) Citation paperwork or the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish entry form may be submitted to James "Ike" Eisenhower at the regular meetings or send via email to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)



Earlier this year, we told you about the RecFish app being developed by Dr. Lisa Kellogg and colleagues at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Its goal is to encourage recreational anglers to collect and contribute catch data to help improve fisheries science. Once it's fully developed, the user-friendly, free app will also tell anglers the species and length of their catch and whether it is legal to keep and safe to eat.

Dr. Kellogg says that, with the help of photos you submitted, the computer model can now identify 60 fish species with 95% accuracy and another 20 species are in the works. That represents thousands of submitted pictures!

You can help by going to [www.recfish.org](http://www.recfish.org) and uploading your fish photos. RecFish especially needs photos of:

- Kingfish (a.k.a. Roundheads, Kingcroaker, Whiting, Sea Mullet)
- Flounder and other flatfish

Phase 2 of app development is almost complete, and, when it is, you will be able to use the app to upload your fish photos directly from your phone. Until then, keep those pictures coming at [www.recfish.org](http://www.recfish.org)!



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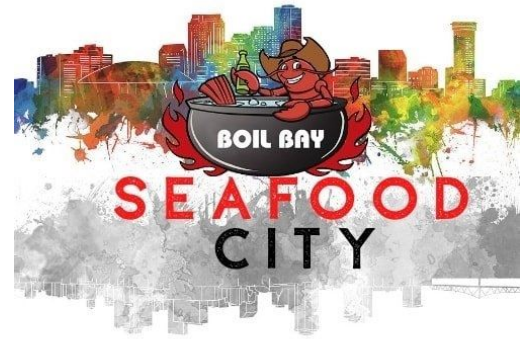


# October Meeting Day has Changed!

- **NEW Meeting Date: 3rd Monday**
- **Monday October 18 at 7:00pm**

**Location:**

**Boil Bay Seafood City**  
**5957 E Virginia Beach Blvd**  
**Norfolk, VA 23502**



## Soup / Salad

Clam-Chowder	\$4.99
Gumbo (Chicken, Shrimp & Sausage)	\$5.99
Caesar Salad	\$4.99
Shrimp Salad	\$6.99
Chicken Salad	\$6.99



## Appetizers

Hush Puppies (8)	\$5.00
Fried Cheese Sticks (6)	\$5.99
Fried Calamari	\$9.99
Coconut Shrimp (8)	\$8.99
Fried Mac & Cheese (8)	\$5.99
Onion Ring (8)	\$5.99
Chicken Wings (6) \$5.99 (10) \$8.99	
(Breaded or Naked - BBQ, Buffalo, Plain, Cajun, Lemon Pepper)	
Boil Bay Special (6) \$6.99 (10) \$9.99	
Chicken Wing	
Cajun Fried Rice	\$8
(Shrimp, Chicken, Sausage)	



## Basket

All served with option of Cajun Fries,  
 Sweet Potato Fries, or Regular

Shrimp Basket (8)	\$10.99
Catfish Basket (4)	\$10.99
Chicken Tender Basket (5)	\$8.99
Soft Shell Crabs Basket (3)	\$10.99
Crab Cake Basket (2)	\$10.99
Oyster Basket (10)	\$11.99



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## Slider & Roll

Cheese Burger Sliders (5)	\$8.99
Catfish Slider (3)	\$8.99
Sausage Sliders (3)	\$7.99
Hot Lobster Roll	\$17.99



## Po Boy Sandwiches

Shrimp Po Boy	\$10.99
Crawfish Po Boy	\$10.99
Oyster Po Boy	\$11.99
Catfish Po Boy	\$10.99
Chicken Po Boy	\$8.99
Soft Shell Crab Po Boy	\$10.99
Crab Cake Po Boy	\$10.99



## Side

Boiled Eggs (2)	\$2
Corn (3)	\$3
Potatoes (3)	\$3
Steamed Rice	\$2
Regular Fries	\$2
Cajun Fries	\$3
Sweet Potato Fries	\$4
Coleslaw	\$3



## Extra

Sausage (Half Lb)	\$5
Sausage (One Lb)	\$9



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 automatic gratuity of 18% added to  
 their check. This includes separate checks."





## Boil Bay Seafood City

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### Main

**STEP 1.**  
**Pick Your Catch**  
All Main Come with Corn & Potato

	1/2 LB	1 LB
Blue Crab (Seasonal)	(3) \$10. <sup>99</sup>	(6) \$19. <sup>99</sup>
Crawfish	\$7	\$13
Dungeness Crab		\$31
King Crab Legs		\$39
Snow Crab Legs	\$14	\$27
Lobster Tail		(2) \$34
Shrimp (Head-Off)	\$9	\$16
Shrimp (Head-On)	\$8	\$14
Little Neck Clams	\$7	\$13
Black Mussel	\$7	\$12
New Zealand Green Mussel	\$8	\$14
Scallop	\$14	\$27

**STEP 2.**  
**Pick Your Sauce**  
The Main or Combos  
Dry (No Sauce Old Bay Only)  
Garlic Butter  
Lemon Pepper  
Original Cajun  
Boil Bay Special  
Steamed

**STEP 3.**  
**Pick A Level**  
Non Spicy / Mild /  
Spicy / Fire  
There is still a bit of a kick  
to it from the Cajun Spice.

### Combo Deal

All combos are served with Corn, Potatoes, and Andouille Sausage

**Combo A \$24.99**  
Pick Three 1/2 lb Options Below

- Little Neck Clams
- Shrimp (Head On)
- Shrimp (Head Off) + \$2.00
- Crawfish
- Black Mussels
- New Zealand Green Mussels
- Blue Crab (1-2)

**Combo B \$26.99**  
Pick Two 1 lb Options Below

- Little Neck Clams
- Shrimp (Head On)
- Shrimp (Head Off) + \$4.00
- Crawfish
- Black Mussels
- New Zealand Green Mussels
- Blue Crab (2-4)

**Combo C \$40.99**  
with 1lb Snow Crab Legs  
Pick Two 1/2 lb Options Below

- Little Neck Clams
- Shrimp (Head On)
- Shrimp (Head Off) + \$2.00
- Crawfish
- Black Mussels
- New Zealand Green Mussels

**Combo D \$50.99**  
with 1lb Snow Crab Legs  
Pick Two 1 lb Options Below

- Little Neck Clams
- Shrimp (Head On)
- Shrimp (Head Off) + \$4.00
- Crawfish
- Black Mussels
- New Zealand Green Mussels
- Blue Crab (2-4)

### Oyster

**\* Raw Oyster**

Half Dozen	\$11.99
One Dozen	\$19.99

**Boil Bay Chargrilled Oyster**

Half Dozen	\$12.99
One Dozen	\$20.99

\* Consuming raw or undercooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions. Please inform server of any food allergies.



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## Fishing Tips...

### Sea Tow Hampton Roads, Captain Ed Schrader



Sea Tow is a community exclusively for the boating community. Ed & Karen Schrader, owners of Sea Tow Hampton Roads, are one of the more than 100 Sea Tow franchises in the United States and Europe. Like all Sea Tow locations, they provide 24/7 coverage for non-emergency on the water assistance. Sea Tow membership includes assistance towing, battery jump starts while you're out on the water, fuel/oil delivery, covered ungroundings, and much more. Captain Ed Schrader was asked "How far out do you go?" and his reply was "As far as you do". Sea Tow doesn't have any specific offshore distance limits and is only limited by the sea conditions, fuel range of their boats, and ability to communicate with you on the water. Captain Schrader shared that if Sea Tow can't safely get to you for any reason they will assist in arranging an alternate provider and reimbursement up to \$5,000 per incident.



Captain Schrader shared that your Sea Tow membership covers you no matter where you are. The membership covers the boats you own that are on your membership no matter who operates them. Your membership also covers you if you borrow a friend's boat, charter or lease a boat. He added, If the owner of the boat is onboard your membership privileges do not apply and the responsibility falls on the owner.

The two most common memberships are the Sea Tow Gold Card and the Lake Card, \$179 and \$119 respectively, for an annual membership. The principle difference between these two membership levels is that the Lake Card covers all inland waters (excluding Florida) whereas the Gold card covers you everywhere. If you boat exclusively in Smith Mountain Lake, Lake Gaston or *other inland waters only*, the Lake Card might be a consideration. For the Hampton Roads area, the Gold Card membership is your choice. When you consider the cost of commercial assistance towing the \$179 annual membership is a very small price to pay for the assurance that your towing troubles will not follow you back to the dock.

Captain Schrader was asked about the cost of towing for non-members. He shared, in the Hampton Roads area the average tow time is about 2.5 hours. At \$300/hour during daylight hours, that equates to a \$750 towing bill. Towing time begins when the Sea Tow boat departs the slip and ends once it returns to the slip and reset for the next run. For reference, a tow from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel 4th Island back to Lynnhaven (Lynnhaven Boatel) averages 2.5 to 3.0 hours, depending on conditions. Many don't realize that once a vessel is under tow the average towing speed is 6 knots however, that depends on factors such as how the vessel rides through the water, sea conditions, other boat traffic, and the return route taken.

So what should you do when you first encounter a problem on the water? Captain Schrader recommends to take a minute to first assess your issue and stabilize the situation. For an onboard emergency, such as an injury, fire, flooding your first call is the *U.S. Coast Guard Sector Virginia* on VHF Channel 16. The USCG is trained and



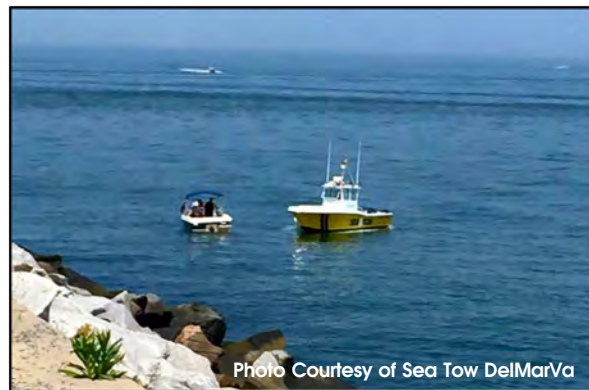


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## Fishing Tips...

equipped to respond to emergency situations and your call on VHF Channel 16 may also summon other resources like the Marine Police or other vessels in the immediate area for assistance. Responding vessels will need your location and the best possible position you can provide is GPS or Global Positioning System coordinates. If your vessel is drifting near an obstruction (Bridge, Rocks, Jetty, etc), shipping channel, or is in danger of grounding, deploy your anchor with enough line (scope) to hold the bottom. Providing an accurate position and anchoring will prevent responding vessels from having to spend valuable time searching for you. Don't forget your Personal Flotation Device (PFD). In an emergency situation put it on before you need it.



Captain Schrader advises for non-emergency situations contact Sea Tow Hampton Roads (VHF Channel 16) and they'll help in evaluating your situation and coordinate to get assistance headed your way as quickly as possible. He shared some common non-emergency issues are the engine cutoff switch (Kill Switch) and the in-gear start protection on boats. Occasionally the engine cutoff switch can become dislodged and without it properly installed the engine will turn over but will not start. Many outboards will emit a constant warning tone while the motor is being cranked, others and some inboards may not. It's not unusual if your motor suddenly stops to forget to place it in neutral before attempting a restart. In this instance nothing will happen when you turn the key. Fortunately, Ed & Karen Schrader are available 24/7 to respond to calls for assistance. They've heard and seen just about everything in the 15 years running the Hampton Roads business. When your boating issue can't be resolved quickly, they'll have a Captain headed your way. With 8 Sea Tow boats, 4 in the water ready to go and 4 more on trailers ready to travel to more remote areas, their team is ready to respond.



Depending on how far offshore you're located you may initially be talking with *USCG Sector Virginia*. Sea Tow Hampton Roads maintains a VHF antenna and system that can reach out to about 30-40 nautical miles. VHF radio signals operate on a line-of-sight basis and the higher the antenna generally means the longer the range. Typical HandHeld VHF radios may only operate 5-8 nm and vessel mounted radios with fixed antennas may only reach 15-20nm. Weather and atmospheric conditions also affect radio ranges. The USCG maintains multiple radio towers along the coast and have the furthest reach. The VHF radio is one of the most important safety devices you have on your boat and while most recreational vessels are not required to have a VHF radio, having one may some day save your life. Cellular Phones versus VHF radio? It's as simple as this; VHF radios reach lots of people and can summon assistance quickly versus a Cellular phone reaching a single person at a time. Then there's a cellular coverage issue...



USCG AUX Float Plans are another safety consideration, especially for boaters headed offshore or in areas not frequented by vessel traffic. Your Float Plan will include a vessel description, contact information, planned travel locations, the radio frequencies you monitor, crew listing, and expected time of return.





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While minor ungroundings are a covered service under your Sea Tow membership salvage work and major ungroundings are additional services Sea Tow can provide. What's the difference between a minor and major ungrounding? It's factor of time & materials, if a vessel aground can be freed with a minimal amount of effort (15 minutes of pulling to free the vessel), it's a covered minor ungrounding. Captain Schrader shared that often time & tide

is all that's required to free your vessel. If you suspect the hull or motor has been damaged or there's a risk of sinking with the rising tide, it's best to contact Sea Tow for assistance. They have all the equipment necessary to safely unground and tow your vessel to a haul-out facility.

Salvage is another additional service Sea Tow provides. They have specialized equipment and training to safely free, refloat, and tow your vessel to a haul-out facility.

Major ungroundings and Salvage are services that will likely be insurance claims. Captain Schrader stressed the importance of having insurance for your vessel to cover

catastrophic loss, injuries, and liability. He added your Sea Tow membership *is not* insurance, it's assurance. The assurance that Sea Tow is available around the clock to provide on the water assistance without having to contact anyone else or submit any paperwork or claims. Sea Tow does offer a specialized insurance program only available to Sea Tow members, it's called Sea Insure®.

## SEA//INSURE®

Sea Insure® is a specialized insurance program only available to Sea Tow members. Sea Insure offers a policy that protects you, your family and passengers, and of course your boat. The Sea Insure policy offers many coverages that you won't find elsewhere. Additionally, the Sea Insure claims staff is made up of boaters and is standing by to get you back on the water quickly and without any hassles. Sea Insure® is brought to you by Maritime Program Group. Maritime Program Group (MPG) is a specialty insurance program company, with three decades of in-house underwriting experience. Their core business segments include Recreational Marine, Private Pleasure Boats & Yachts, Inland Marine, Ocean Marine, and Private Client Services.





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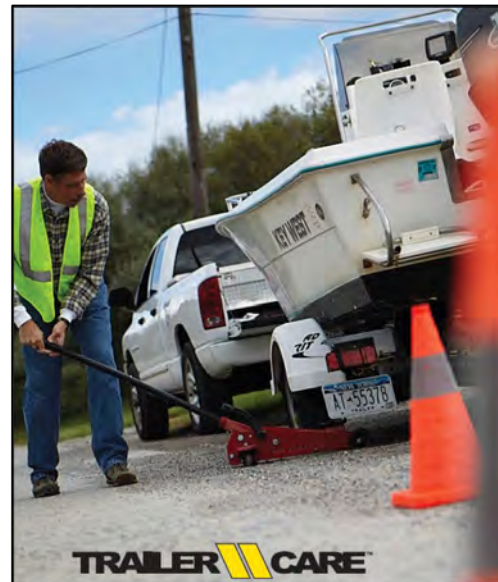
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In addition to providing 24/7 on the water assistance, Insurance options tailored to the recreational boating community, there's also a Sea Tow Savings Club for discounts at marinas, fuel docks, repair facilities, and participating businesses nationwide. There's also a Sea Tow Trailer Care option for \$14/yr to handle those roadside towing breakdowns and issues.

Many Thanks to Ed and Karen Schrader with Sea Tow Hampton Roads for generously supporting our local angling clubs with gift memberships, raffle items, stocking our local tackle shops with free measuring tapes, and providing free loaner Personal Flotation Device (PFD) racks around local marinas. We greatly appreciate you sharing all the benefits and service Sea Tow provides to our boating community. - Captain Will Bransom



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# Fishing Reports...



Labor Day: After hearing rave reviews about the salmon and lake trout fishery in Lake Ontario, Dave Steele, Dennis Blohm and I headed out to Sodus Bay, New York on Labor Day weekend. Sodus Bay is about 50 miles east of Rochester, north of the Fingers Lake or about 10 hours north of Tidewater. We had planned on 2.5 days of fishing with Predator Charters. Arrived on a Saturday and fished the half day on Sunday.

Headed out Sunday afternoon and trolled up a King Salmon. The Sunday morning half-day had done really well and we expected a great start until the weather closed in. Five-to-six-foot waves and building winds put a quick end to that day.



The first full day charter started at 6:00 am on Monday and we soon had another King Salmon in the box. However, the skies to the west darkened and the wind kicked up along with the seas. Between Rochester and Sodus Bay, moving east was another line of thunder storms, 50 mph winds, water spouts and appropriate high seas. Back to the barn again.

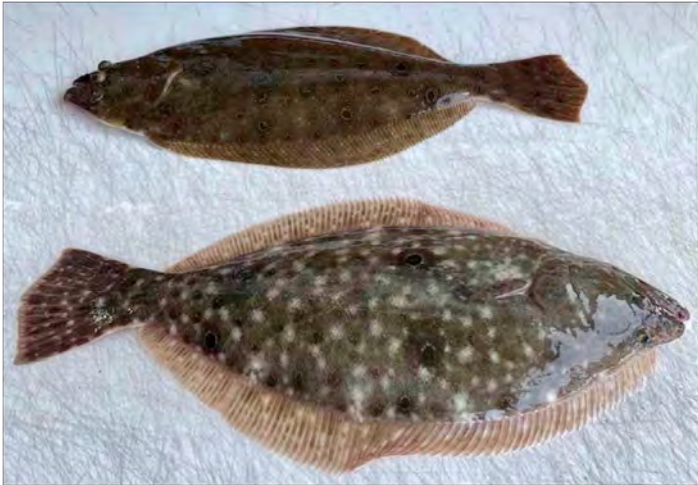
Tuesday, we headed out very early to try and make up for the lost fishing time from the prior day and a half. Blue bird conditions, light winds and a much calmer lake prevailed. Caught a Coho Salmon early and wondered if one fish caught meant time to head in. Fished to late in the afternoon catching lake trout and salmon.



During the trip we caught 6 Lake Trout to 13 lbs, 2 King Salmon to 16 lbs and 5 Coho salmon to 9 lbs. Highly recommend this trip. Captain Wilkinson was great to fish with and set up our lodging for the four nights we were in town. - Bob Stuhlman



7 SEP: Got a monster in the creek today. Plus an 18 inch flounder.



11 SEP: Got a couple of nice Flounder in the inlet on this morning.

- James Robinson

21SEP: Congratulations to [#teamlincutterz](#) Pro Staffer Tripp Seed for catching his personal best redfish, 54", what a fish!! He also snagged a beautiful Cobia which topped off his day. Congratulations on an epic day Tripp!



2 SEP: Fished with my Nephew Austin in Little Creek for two hours going for speckled trout. Ended up catching 2 on a Saltwater Super Spook Jr. One was 22 inches and other 20 inches. Water temperature was 81 degrees, depth 5 feet.  
- Louis Glaser



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3 SEP: It was a beautiful first fall like day. Temperature was in the mid 70's. Mary and I fished with John Curry for drum on the Chuckatuck Creek. Mary caught a 22¼ inch and a short and I got a 21¾ inch. John spent most of his time handling the boat for us. All caught on popping corks with minnows.

4 SEP: It was another beautiful day that Mary and I fished with John Curry on the Chuckatuck Creek. We caught 4 puppy drum; John got a 23½ inch and a short, I got a 22 inch and Mary got a short. All were caught on shadders with popper corks.

- Mary and Henry Troutner



31 AUG: Bert and I fished Little Creek inlet from 6:00 am to 10:30 am. Wind was 5 to 10 mph out of the west and the tide was outgoing. Tried top

water and other hard baits with no success.

So, we went to 1/4-ounce jigs with 4-inch Z-man rubber tails. That was the winning combination. We finished with a nice 21-inch pup and

seven 16 to 18 inches speckled trout. All were released back at the dock. *Great day on the water!*

- Ned Smith



12 SEP: Spent a Happy Birthday trip with Thomas Deans in Little Creek. Great catch on your special day. Many more my friend. -Louis Glaser





5 SEP: Went fishing  
Had a great day!

Caught 10 and kept 3 puppies!

- Jerry Hughes



17 SEP: Went fishing,  
Great day! Limit of  
Puppies in 90  
minutes.

- Jerry Hughes.



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**SEA TOW**





11-13 SEP: Louis Glaser and I have been getting out fishing the Little Creek jetties at daybreak most every day lately and the results have been sporadic. Fishing with topwater lures, I did manage to catch and release two prize fish club minimums:

On the 11th, a 21-inch speckled trout and on the 13th a 22-inch speckled trout. Most of the trips we caught 2-3 trout, an occasional puppy drum and several bluefish each trip with the trout mostly in the 17-19-inch range with Louis usually catching 2 for my every 1.



But of course, sometimes we ended up with no keeper size trout.

The wind effects the topwater action a lot interfering with the “walking the dog” action needed to attract the bite. MirrOlure Topdog surface lures worked the best lately.

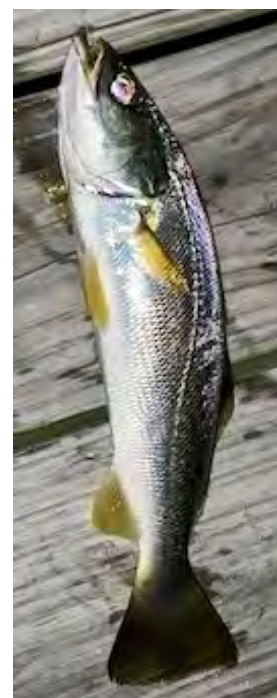
The big fish are coming in but on in small numbers since the water temperature is still 78-80 degrees. Louis has also been catching nice size puppy drum at dusk in the same areas.

- Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower



SEP: I have been fishing on the James River only in September. On September 12, my daughter Megan came with me and we found small croakers and sea bass upriver of the MMBT.

We were looking for spot and found them near the lighthouse at the MMBT in good numbers. We released more small grunts and sea bass as well.



On September 24 and 26, I fished over submerged lights and caught striped bass up to 20 inches and grey trout which were released .  
- Jackson Salvant

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7 SEP: Mary and I fished some inshore wrecks trying for triggerfish as we had caught some the past week. The schools of triggers and spades swam around the boat all day, but neither would cooperate. We fished the entire water column top to bottom with squid, clam, and fiddler crab. Very frustrating! We did catch plenty of small sea bass, toadfish and a couple small tog. The highlight of the day was 3 big hound fish (inshore marlin) which screamed line off our spadefish rods and jumped like crazy.



In addition, Mary caught several pretty big toad fish. I took a picture of the scale so I hope this qualified. The fish weighed 2.40 pounds by my scale which has proven very accurate in the past. - Mary and Henry Troutner



18 SEP: A beautiful day on the Chuckatuck on John Curry's boat with George Langdon and I chasing puppy drum. We caught 6; with 2 shorts, 1 overshot at 32 inches and 3 keepers at 22 inch, 22½ inch and 23½ inch.



We were using popper corks and jigs baited with minnows and shedder crab fished in shallow water right against the banks.

- Henry Troutner



4 SEP: On a Saturday, we fished the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) during an outgoing tide. We were fishing alongside of the bridge pilings catching small to medium Spadefish using clam. The spadefish were grouped around the pilings just deep enough to be able to see them in the water.

While dropping a bucktail for Flounder, a 16-inch Gray Trout decided to join us. Once the current was at max flow, we decided to head east while in the Thimble Shoal Channel looking for Cobia. The bay was oddly quiet with very few crabs and Cownose Rays to be seen. We finished the trip not seeing any Cobia.



Steph and her new Spadefish friend

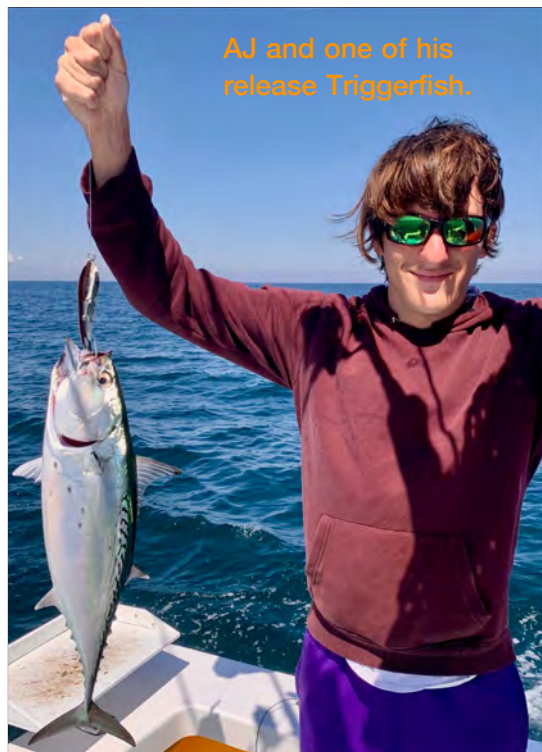


26 SEP: Recently got permission to use a private ramp on Brewers Creek. I tried it out with my kayak. I just fished for a couple hours, but got lucky and caught a 24½ inch puppy and several white perch.

- Henry Troutner



7 SEP: AJ and I wrecked fished on the oceanfront using blue crab and clams. I was fishing on the bottom catching Black Sea Bass up to 15 inches. While reeling in the Sea Bass, a hoard of Gray Triggerfish would follow the Bass to the surface. There, the Triggerfish found AJ waiting with a 1/0 hook tipped with clam and a 1/8-ounce sinker.



AJ and one of his release Triggerfish.

Gray Triggerfish, tagged and ready for release.



AJ ended up catching 15 of those Triggerfish before we decided to switch gears and troll around the wreck. While trolling around the wreck using a #3 Drone spoon on a planer, we caught a False Albacore and lost one more next to the boat.

- Alex Perez Sr.

25 SEP: We fished the incoming tide near the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT). We used Gulp Swimming Mullet on 5/8 ounce jig heads. Fishing around the rocks and pilings of the island, we caught five or six medium sized Croaker.



A healthy Flounder to be on the lookout for!



One of five Croaker caught on jigs.

This was all the Ribbonfish you'd want, a small Spanish Mackerel, and six Flounder from 12 to 21 inches.



A juvenile Summer Flounder, tagged and released.



21 SEP: Ned and I had heard from Louis that he; Jerry Gaines and Bert Sainz had gotten limits of trout at daybreak so we decided to give it a try ourselves on the incoming tide. We got out there about 1:00 pm and the current was hardly moving and it was really low tide. I picked up one 18 inch speckled trout at the end of the jetty and Ned got a couple of throwback sized ones and a couple of lizardfish. The wind was blowing 12-15 mph from the east making casting difficult, so we tried to fish a couple of other places to no avail. So, we headed into the Pretty Lake. No joy there either, just some ribbon fish as we trolled the length of the lake and through the channel in Little Creek all the way to the #5 red marker. So, by then the tide had come up and we could see good moving current. As soon as we set up at the jetty again, I hooked up with a nice 19-inch speckled trout, then a 21 inch that I released, then one after another from 16 inch to 19 inches.

They loved my silver MirrOlure MR 52 so I lent Ned a silver MR 27. He started hooking them up. Then he hooked something that pulled line like crazy making us think it was a cownose ray. After a 10-minute fight it turned out to be a 26.5 red drum almost slot keeper. So, Ned released it no worse for wear. Overall, we caught 16 speckled trout 16-21 inches and that one red of Ned's. Kept our double limit and released 6 speckled trout. We were worn out by 6:00 pm and left them biting. Bait was everywhere around us and the fish were not near the rocks. Best day catching this year.



Obviously, the speckled trout are in bigger schools now even though the water was still 79 degrees. I heard Louis and Bert went out the next morning and did the same thing.

- Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower



18 SEP: We fished the incoming tide at the third island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT). Using halves of fresh Croaker, we'd wait for schools of large Red Drum to pass under us. We ended up catching one at 46 inches and another at 46 and a half inches. Both fish were released and were tagged for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP). In between bites we had schools of Bluefish and Spanish Mackerel swimming by which provided us with light tackle fun using metal jigs. You'd see the Spanish chasing baitfish on the surface and casting and retrieving through the disturbance was a guaranteed bite. Quicker than normal retrieves helped minimize cut off lures. The Spanish were on the larger side, measuring 20-24 inches. - Alex Perez



46.5 inches, tagged and released.



46 inch Red Drum, tagged and released.



12 SEP: Solo sheep mission! Haven't fished for these guys in years and got this pretty 25 inch on the first drop! Let her go to get even bigger. Fun fish on the JLS 703 and FFP Osprey 3000!

- Tripp Seed



25 AUG: Tucker told me he wanted to catch a cobia this summer. *We accomplished that mission!* We were in and out in a few hours catching a limit and releasing a few. He even netted his first fish. He is hooked!



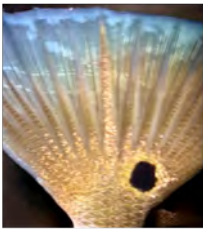




29 AUG: Last week Rob booked us for him and two of his buddies and we wore the fish out! We caught our limit of cobia and released plenty more. We ended the day catching all Mack's we wanted. Looking forward to their trip next summer!

14 AUG: We fished in the hooked on hope Spanish mackerel tournament. This is a great tournament for a great cause and one of the rules was to have a kid under 18 on the boat. I told my nephew about it a little early, he talked about it everyday for the past month. We ended up catching a bunch and were able to weigh in our 3 fish. We didn't finish in the top 3 but weren't far behind. Today wasn't

28 SEP: Here is a nice photo of a puppy drum I caught fly fishing.  
- Jack Salvant



about what placed we finish but enjoying the day on the water. After the week we had, this day was needed. Tucker is already talking about the tournament for next year!

- Tripp Seed





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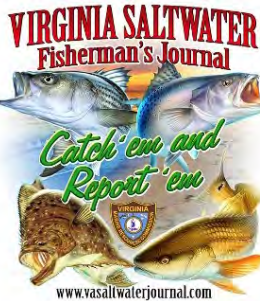
# Angler Interests

### Free Saltwater Fishing Days in Virginia, October 1-3, 2021



The Virginia Marine Resource Commissioner has declared October 1-3, 2021 as Free Fishing Days. During these dates, no Saltwater Recreational Fishing License is required to fish those waters where a Saltwater Recreational Fishing License is lawfully required. This exemption shall not apply to headboats, charterboats, or rental boats.

### Recreational Cobia Fishing Permit Reporting Due Oct 6th



RECREATIONAL COBIA PERMIT holders, you are responsible for reporting your trips (i.e., trips with harvest AND trips without harvest) or your lack of participation (i.e., no trips). The reporting requirement for the Recreational Cobia Permit can be found in regulation Chapter 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Amberjack and Cobia". The full regulation is available on the VMRC website.

All trips, including harvest, catch-and-release, cobia targeted but not caught OR a report of "Did Not Fish" must be provided to the Commission by the 21st day (Oct 6th) after the close of the recreational cobia season. This means that reports must be submitted through the Saltwater Journal or postmarked by October 6, 2021. Note: if you continue getting reminders to report but have mailed in a paper form, please contact us to confirm your reporting status. We are not responsible for reports lost in the mail.

### Operation Paddle Smart: "If Found" Stickers available



When the Coast guard or local emergency responders receive a report or discover a paddle craft adrift, there is no way to determine if the vessel was washed off of a beach during high tide or was separated from its owner during the course of a boating accident. In these situations, the Coast Guard has to assume the owner is in trouble and needs assistance until it can find evidence to support otherwise. As a result the Coast Guard and local harbor masters spend hundreds of thousands of tax dollars per year searching for potential people in distress when there was no one in danger to begin with.

To combat this growing problem, the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary have launched Operation Paddle Smart. The cornerstone of Paddle Smart is providing owners of kayaks, canoes, standup paddleboards, and other unregistered watercraft a free "If Found" sticker for their boat to help reduce the number of unnecessary search and rescue cases.

The stickers are weatherproof, reflective, and provide room for the vessel owner's name and two phone numbers using a waterproof marker. The "If Found" sticker should be placed in a highly visible location inside the vessel's cockpit or near the operators station. The stickers are weatherproof, reflective, and provide room for the vessel owner's name and two phone numbers using a waterproof marker.

The Norfolk Anglers Club was provided some of these "If Found" stickers by the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 5-9 from Smithfield, VA. If you would like to have one just send us an email with your name & address to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com). We'll send it to you free!

Vessel Identification Sticker for Canoe, Kayak or Rowboat

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