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Otis Ricks *presenting*

## » Successful Tips for Catching Tog



Otis is a long time resident of Virginia. Retired from the Air Force in 1967 and then taught at Great Bridge High School until 1988.

Otis began fishing in 1966 and primarily stayed with the smaller species in the Bay and started fishing for tautog in 1969. He uses many techniques to catch togs and has been very successful. Please come and let Otis share some techniques on successfully catching tog.

**LOCATION:** Mom & Pop's

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

## Count Your Blessings»»

As usual, summer came and went WAY too fast for me. I'm not sure how, but I blinked and it's September. Even though we have a superb fall fishery here in Coastal Virginia, nothing makes me happier than climbing bare-footed into my cobia tower and running the bay feeling those warm winds in my face.

July and August was filled with life-issues that come with aging parents, health problems, owning a business, being a daddy to my kids and being a husband to my wife. Combine that with big winds and thunderstorms... summer goes by pretty fast.

I am thankful for the times I did get this summer and feel guilty even complaining. We saw an amazing on-water fire-works show at Op-Sail, caught boat-loads of citation drum and cobia and managed to spend fishing time on all three of my boats this year.

*"Slow down and make time. That's a new concept for me. Being there for others requires balance and a load of patience."*

We also saw our fair share of doctors this year. Nothing slows you down in life than news that a loved one could be sick. All the sudden, meetings, photoshoots, business and even fishing become much less important.

What's really important to me lately is that I treasure every moment I get with my loved ones. Even though my fishing time was limited this year, those croaker, dogfish, sea bass, spot, and little fish seem like blue marlin right now.

Instead of hoping for a whopper fish, I'm just thankful to have a few minutes to be on the water. Luckily, my camera is always near which allows me to capture even the most uneventful days.



As I look forward, I have a feeling the fall will fly by too. Leaves are already falling in my pool and the kids are already asking keep my enclosures down on the boat.

So for those of you who are too busy to fish, I feel your pain... and for those who are on the water, I'm forever envious! Please take your camera and be sure to make some memories. ■



*Harry R. Hindmarsh*  
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PHOTOGRAPH BY: Harry R. Hindmarsh

*"September means White Marlin time in Virginia Beach! When shooting live fish, I always try to get a tight focus on their eyes. This fish offered many spectacular jumps and maintained his blue/green/silver color after a 25 minute fight on light tackle. ." – Harry Hindmarsh*







» 2012 TRIP TO  
ALASKA



### TRIP TO ALASKA - 2012

**LOCATION:** Seward Alaska

**REPORTING ANGLER:** John Brown

In late July/early August, Nancy and I travelled to Alaska. We spent our first week in Denali National Park with the naturalists and wild animals, and week two in Seward and the northern Gulf of Alaska fishing!

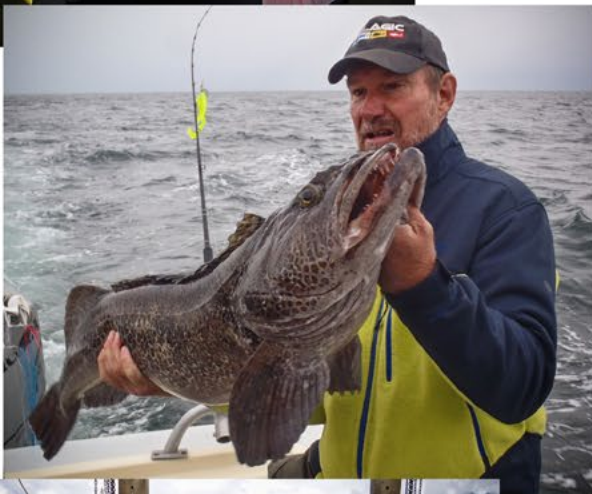
We were joined in Seward by my brother Randy and club member Bill Bennett. Along with fishing friends from Corpus Christi, Texas, we chartered the 6-pack boat Crackerjack with Captain Nik Ranta. Captain Ranta is a native Alaskan and year round resident of Seward. He and his business partner, Captain Andy Mezirow are veteran charter boat captains and are the very best in Seward, often featured in Sport Fishing magazine articles.

As you can see in the photos, Crackerjack did not disappoint. Despite some crummy sea state on days 1 and 2 (which limited where we could fish), we managed impressive limits of Halibut and Silver Salmon both days. Then, with all the meat fish we wanted by the end of the second day, day 3 was a leisurely day of catch and release (we blistered them day 3 too!).

In addition to the Halibut and Silvers, we also caught a coupla nice King Salmon, Pink Salmon, Ling Cod (to 30 lbs), Pacific Cod, a variety of Rock fish (to include Yellow Eye Rock fish) and a few other trash fish (yes, Dog Sharks too!). Our largest Halibut was 70 lbs but we did see a monster on the dock that went 264 lbs and another that went 157.

The Halibut were caught on both dead bait (whole Silver Salmon carcasses from the previous days catch) and jigs – 1 lb lead heads with large grub tails. Nothing like jigging a pound of lead in 300 ft of water! But, it's worth it when that Hally jumps the jig. The Silvers are a favorite of all to catch. Find the school and it is like bailing dolphin. Complete chaos in the cockpit with fish going everywhere in and out of the water.

Couple the great fishing with the enormously beautiful panorama of ice capped mountains, glaciers plugging into the sea, whales blowing and breaching, water fowl of great variety (including Puffins), Eagles, Stellar Seals, Sea otters and the occasional Mountain Goat, and you have one spectacular place to visit and fish.





## » ABYSS FISHING WITH MARK DAVIS

Our very own Lucian Montagna goes Prime Time! The Fishin Fool escorted The Outdoor Channel's Mark Davis offshore to get a glimpse of what Coastal Virginia has to offer.









Early this year I had the pleasure of helping Kevin Kirsh with his fishing show, the Mid-Atlantic Saltwater Fishing Expo in Richmond. There I was able to meet and friend Captain Mark Davis of Big Water Adventures, a national television fishing show host. We exchanged fishing stories and a few pics of what we have been fortunate to have accomplished in our lives.

Later we were talking and Mark said he would like to come back and go deep dropping for some species he has never caught off Virginia. After two failed attempts due to weather, we finally made it offshore.

I pulled up to my first mark and we dropped, as soon as the lines touched down, the rods doubled over, catching Mark his first ever Black Bellied Rosefish. We worked the area catching a few more before deciding to move on.

Next drop, we were greeted with some quality Wreckfish, another species in the box and another first for Mark. Since we caught a quick limit, we moved on.

I pulled up on one of my favorite areas and told them it would be a while before the baits hit bottom, when they did, Mark immediately hooked up on another first, a Golden Tile. We each cranked up a fish and although we are allowed up to 7 per person as part of the blue line/golden allocation, we limited ourselves to 1 a piece to help protect the fishery.

We finished the day much shallower catching blue line tiles, with fish coming over the rail as fast as we could drop. We did not take a limit, but more than enough for a few dinners.

All of Mark's fish were caught on Penn SFV 10500 Spinning Reel Combo, he was able to drop 20 ounces of lead to over 900' and crank fish up with ease, it's new Penn reel to be released soon.

The show will air early next year on the Outdoors Channel, I will post the date when I get it.

### FINAL TALLEY

- Black Bellied Rosefish - Assorted Quality Sized Fish
- Wreckfish - 4
- Golden Tilefish - 4
- Blue line Tilefish - Assorted Quality
- Large Black Seabass - 1

Fishing with Mark, Zach and Kevin was a BLAST, I hope we get to do it again.





## MEAT-RUN, NORFOLK CANYON

**LOCATION:** Norfolk Canyon

**REPORTING ANGLER:** Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower

Fished the Norfolk Canyon Sun-Mon (12-13 Aug 12) with Mike Avery on his boat with Wesley and his son Jeremy. We left the trolling gear at home and this was a meat run. Left late on Sun to let the seas settle down from Saturday's blow. Got the canyon around 6:30 pm and bailed some mahi off the lobster balls so we could have some fresh strip bait for swords. They seem to love mahi strips. Netted some fresh squid at night too after watching the dolphin ball up the squid right next to the boat. What a cool sight at night. Many of our nice fish came from the fresh squid. During the night fishing for swords I fought a nice sword for about 20 minutes but it got off. Jeremy boated a pup sword for a release citation. At daybreak we headed for the deep dropping looking first for golden tilefish and grouper. I hooked a nice 32lb golden on the electric. Mike boated a 73 1/2lb snowy grouper on the electric reel. It would have been a state record if it was cranked in. He had a heck of a fight even with an electric since that fish tried to get back in a hole several times. Then we headed for a great black seabass and blueline tile area and bailed them until we just got too tired. It took me about 5 hours to clean all the fish now my freezers are full. Thanks for another great trip Mike.





# fishing reports

*fishing reports*



## OFFSHORE ACTION!

**LOCATION:** Norfolk Canyon

**REPORTING ANGLER:** Matt Butler

Last month, my father-in-law, my two brother-in-laws, and myself took a charter out of Teach's Lair in Hatteras on the Marlin Mania. The Marlin Mania is a 54' Carolina Custom captained by Jim Bowman.

We left the dock around 5:30am with slick seas and had the lines in the water about an hour later. We trolled for awhile picking up dolphin here and there. We picked up a couple gaffers along with several bailers.

At the time the birds were heavy picking at the bait on top of the water which made it interesting. I think we caught about four or five birds in process. The action slowed down and that's when Captain Bowman got a report that the fish had moved in closer to shore. We move location closer to shore and started working a large weed line. Within minutes, we had lines screaming off the reels. There were several times where we were all hooked up.

We had our limit of Dolphin and was back at the dock by 4:00. In the end we had over 250lbs of Dolphin.



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## SAY AHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

**LOCATION:** Elizabeth River

**REPORTING ANGLER:** Harry R. Hindmarsh

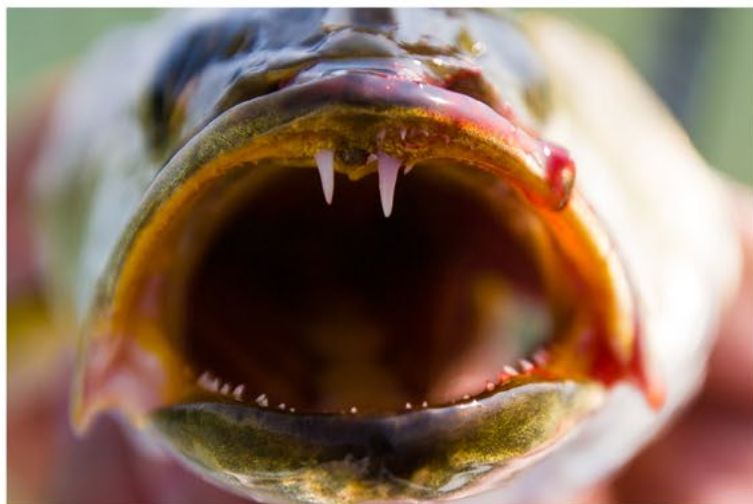
If you don't know me by now, it's time you do... If there is a red drum bite anywhere or any size... I'm there.

The Hot Ditch is loaded with 15" to 25" Red Drum. On just about any day, you can count on getting a "ditch slam" with a red, trout and stripers. I find that it's best when you have a 3-tide strategy: High, low and the slack.

Of recent, high tide on cattails, mudflats or marsh grass are almost a given. A quarter-ounce jig head with just about any tail color will produced solid and hard bites. I make several casts until until I get a hit... if I'm not getting bites, I switch tail colors. Within two to three color tries, I'm usually on the fish.

The trout have been hugging the ledges and the stripers are doing the same.

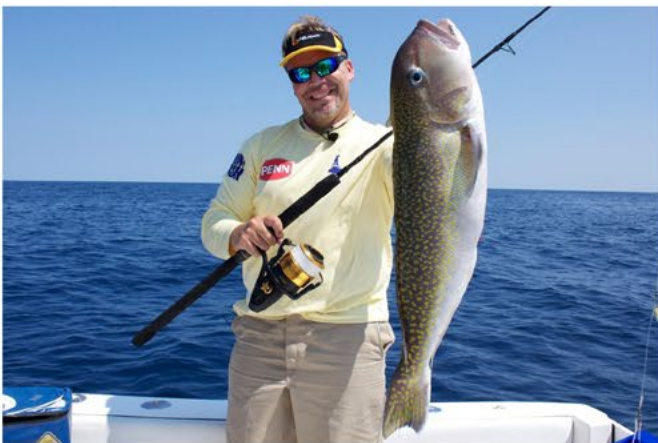
When the bite is this consistent, I will play hookie, skip church, call in sick, lie to my loved ones and fish until my knuckles bleed.





# photos from our members

*members photos*





helping the community



## » A BOAT RIDE FOR YOUNG FISHERMAN

The Norfolk Anglers Club and the East Ocean View Community Center came together on July 16th to provide youngsters from the Center a “taste” of what Ocean View is all about....fishing, learning, and camaraderie.



# helping the community



The Norfolk Anglers Club and the East Ocean View Community Center came together on July 16th to provide youngsters from the Center a “taste” of what Ocean View is all about....fishing, learning, and camaraderie. 50 youngsters, ages 8-14, from the Center’s summer program were taken on a four-hour head boat fishing trip followed by a picnic funded by a grant the Norfolk Anglers Club received from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. The purpose of the grant was threefold...to give the young people access to the Norfolk Anglers fishing community, to allow a time for sharing an activity with others in the community, and to afford the youngsters a better understanding of the Chesapeake Bay’s abundant resources and hopefully build an appreciation for the need to protect these fragile resources.

The day began with youngsters being transported to the Ocean View Fishing Pier where Ronnie Boone Jr. had the Judith Ann Head Boat ready and waiting. The 50 young people were on board with 9 Norfolk Anglers as well as community center and city staff. Once the poles were in the water the fun began....by the end of the trip over 40 fish had been caught by these young anglers under the guidance of the Norfolk Anglers Club members.

While the kids were fishing, 9 Norfolk Anglers Club volunteers were at the Community Center preparing a meal for what turned out to be very hungry fishermen. When the busses brought the kids back to the center we heard a lot of “fish tales”....one young guy says he caught 11 fish while the kids behind him roared with laughter. The whole day was so satisfying for volunteers and staff members that the Norfolk Anglers Club has already applied for a grant for next year.

While the picnic was going on a few of the Norfolk Anglers cleaned the 40 fish the kids caught. The fish are going into the freezer at the Center. Center Director Jacqueline Johnson is going have a fish fry soon where the young people of the center will eat the vegetables they’ve grown in the Center’s Community Garden along with the fish they caught on this wonderful fishing day. Ms Johnson says it’s all about sustainability.



# NEWS from our friends



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# online resources

## FISHING & BOATING RESOURCES

### **www.FishCrazy.info**

Outdoor writer Ric Burnley provides up-to-date, reliable fishing reports, step-by-step how-to articles, news and events, professional guides and everything you need to fish the Mid Atlantic.

### **www.PilotOnline.com | Lee Tolliver**

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

### **www.baydreaming.com**

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

### **www.fishva.org**

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

### **www.boat-ed.com**

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

### **www.chesapeake-angler.com**

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

### **www.boatsafe.com**

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

### **www.sportfishermen.com**

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

### **www.cbf.org**

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

### **www.dailypress.com/fishingspot**

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

### **www.discoverboating.com**

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

### **www.hamptonroads.com**

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

### **www.pierandsurf.com**

Provides Virginia pier and surf fishing reports.

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

Includes weekly Virginia Marine Resources Commission fishing report.

### **www.stripersonline.com**

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

### **www.takemefishing.org**

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

### **www.tidalfish.com**

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

### **www.vbsf.net**

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

### **www.vcanaccess.com**

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

### **www.mrc.virginia.gov**

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

## WEATHER & TIDES

### **www.noaa.gov**

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

### **www.weather.com**

Provides a national and local weather forecast for cities worldwide.

### **www.wtkr.com**

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

### **www.wunderground.com**

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

### **www.saltwatertides.com**

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

### **www.wvec.com**

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



# nac prize fish contest rules

## NAC PRIZE FISH CONTEST RULES

Rules regarding our annual PRIZE FISH CONTEST and are posted on the NAC website.

In a nutshell, our rules will closely parallel the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament for saltwater fish and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for freshwater. However, there are a few small differences so please visit the NAC PRIZE FISH CONTEST page on the NAC website.

Most important, we need for everyone to PARTICIPATE in the contest. If you catch (or have caught) a fish in calendar year 2008 meeting citation criteria, simply make a copy of your citation application or fill out the NAC PRIZE FISH ENTRY FORM and provide that to our Awards Director at our next meeting, it's that easy.

At year's end, we will recognize those anglers that catch the "prize" fish in each category plus recognize some overall "Anglers of the Year". Again, please visit the website to learn the details of the contest rules. Let's make our contest fun and competitive, Please Participate.

## NAC Prize Fish Entry Form

**Please fill out the following information. All weights must be on certified scales, witnessed & caught on hook & line in accordance with the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament.**

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Place Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Lure or Bait: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_ oz. Length \_\_\_\_ Feet \_\_\_\_ Inches

☐ The fish was released      ☐ The fish was tagged      ☐ Adult Angler      ☐ Jr. Angler Age \_\_\_\_\_

Angler's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Boat name \_\_\_\_\_

**I Certify that all the above information is correct:**

Angler's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit your awards to the new awards director who will be available at the meetings. You must be an NAC Member in good standing to qualify.**



# Closing image

PHOTOGRAPH BY: Harry R. Hindmarsh

*"I DRED doing sunrise photo shoots because you never know what kind of sky you're going to awake to. Sometimes it's over cast and other times there's no clouds at all. And every once in awhile, I get lucky with a home run."*

– Harry R. Hindmarsh

