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May 13, 2008
Martins Restaurant

Meeting Agenda:

*Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Meeting was called to order by President Darryl Schmitt at 1910.
Absent officer was Vice President Louis Glaser*

Treasurer's report:

- 1. Checking account - \$4,280.57*
- 2. Account to be audited next week,*
- 3. The raffle awarded five restaurant gift certificates, assortment of crank baits and one rod/reel combo.*

Old Business

- 1. No status to report*

New Business

- 1. Glenn inquired about the donation of rods/reels to a Recreation Center in support of the new fishing pier located in East Ocean view.*
- 2. President Darryl Schmitt advised everyone that a new Helper Outer (HO) list will be circulating soon. It was mentioned that prospective HO's detail availability and interest of offshore/nearshore.*
- 3. Lucian Montagna discussed this years Hampton Roads Regatta and had asked for volunteers to help distribute flyers and notifications to assist in advertising the Flounder Tournament.*
- 4. North Carolina Beach closures were discussed by various attendees.*
- 5. Events Coordinator Jon Brown discussed the changes to the NAC prize fish contest rules changes. He highlighted that the NAC will more closely follow the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament guidelines.*
- 6. President Darryl Schmitt had asked for input on Alternative Club outings, such as a Norfolk Tides baseball game. Attendees supported this idea.*
- 7. Lucian Montagna reminded everyone that he is having a NAC cookout at his home of residence 1JUN08. Food will be provided, however it is requested that members RSVP directly to lmontagna@aol.com. This event is also BYOB.*

8. Bob Cherry shared his enjoyment for NAC Pot Luck dinners and gatherings. The gallery also suggested Oyster Roasts and other seafood cookouts.

Fishing Reports

1. Lucian reported on a offshore trip catching Golden Tilefish. He discussed the ferocity and strength that these fish produce when hooked. He mentioned that several hooks were straightened while fighting Golden Tilefish.

2. Billy (Team Jackass) shared information on multiple hookups of Big Eye tuna out of Hatteras NC. He mentioned that his arms were very tired and that the pelagic should be migrating into VA waters very soon.

3. Darek Dabbs and Bob Cherry reported that they fished 15 near shore wrecks looking for Black Sea Bass. They said that it was very hard to find any keeper fish and averaged about 1 keeper per wreck. Plenty of bass were found, the sizes were less than expected.

Guest Speakers:

Mark Feltner of Virginia Coastal Access and Kirstie Cowan of Lynnhaven Boat Ramp Guard Dogs discussed the impacts of proposed Virginia Beach Dredging sites. Handouts and more information available upon request.

Presentation:

We welcomed Capt. Pete Bregant as our guest speaker. Capt. Bregant has been fishing Drum aka Channel Bass for over 30 years.

Capt. Bregant started by adamantly ensuring everyone knew the name of the species he planned on discussing. He clearly ensured everyone was aware that the Drum ether Black or Red were known as Channel Bass. He then went on to ask the audience why they are called Channel Bass. This bit of information went onto his discussing of "Think like a fish to catch the Fish". "If the fish is called Channel Bass, where do you think the fish will be located?" he asked rhetorically to the audience. Capt Pete then shared when fishing for Channel Bass to look for Cuts and Slews along the Bay floor. "This is where you will find Channel Bass."

Capt Bregant shared his knowledge of his preferred tackle and rigs. He shared such items as using a fish-finder rig utilizing a sliding sinker. He additionally mentioned his preference of using 6/0 to 9/0 "J" hooks and setting the hook with 3-5 solid pumps of the rod to ensure a solid hook set. Capt Bregant told the audience that he prefers to hold the fishing rod in his hand and not to use rod holders, "this lets me feel when the fish is taking the bait" he said. Blue crabs are an excellent bait to use, "hook them live and let them wiggle at the end of your line on the bottom".

He concluded his presentation with a brief question/answer period. Audience members marveled at his knowledge and continued to pick his brain for nearly 30 minutes.

Many thanks to Captain Pete Bregant for his humor and presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 2105.

Minutes of the meeting prepared by Darek Dabbs, Secretary.