



8 October 2012  
NAC Membership Meeting  
Mom & Pop's  
331 Bayview Road  
Norfolk, VA 23503

1. Club President, Doug Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Attendees: 8 of the 10 members of the board were present.

President	Doug Johnson
Secretary	Jack Ince
Events Coordinator	Tom Hubert
Asst. Events Coordinator	Nick Wright
Guard	Ben Capps
Assistant Guard	Brandon Banks
Member at Large	Carroll Howard
Past President	John Brown

4. Treasurer's Report (from Acting Treasurer, Carroll Howard):

Wells Fargo checking account	\$ 3,418.66
Wells Fargo savings account	\$ 4,749.89
Fidelity money market account	\$ 2,565.15
 Grand Total	 \$10,733.70

5. Old Business:

- a. Multiple Species Tournament and Cookout on 15 Sept.: President Johnson presented award certificates to the winners.
  - 1) Sandy Montagna: Spot 7 oz.

- 2) Wendy Bransom: Croaker 4 oz.
- 3) Doug Alexander: Bluefish 1 lb 2 oz.

- b. NAC Fall Club Social on 6 Oct.: President Johnson thanked the Montagnas for hosting the social at their home. 55 people enjoyed good food and fellowship at this great event.

6. New Business:

- a. Nothing on the immediate horizon.
- b. Fish citations due by Jan. meeting: The NAC fishing contest ends 31 Dec. Don't forget to submit your fish citations to Tom Hubert so we can determine the winners for outstanding anglers to be honored at our Feb. banquet.

7. Guests: One visitor came tonight from Richmond to hear JB's speck speech.

8. Fishing Reports:

- a. Herb Gordon reported a king mackerel run 1.5 to 3 miles off the beach from Dam Neck to False Cape. 12 fish from 35 to 50 lbs. caught by his and other charter boats. Also, schools of 50-inch red drum are in that area from 100 feet to 1 mile off the beach. Some albacore are in the surf too.
- b. While unsuccessfully flounder fishing near the 4<sup>th</sup>, a member reported catching keeper sea bass and sharks to 6 feet, using cut bluefish on flounder rigs.
- c. A member caught a cobia just 6 minutes out of Rudee.
- d. Small sheepshead are all over the tube near the 4<sup>th</sup> island. Hard to get past them to the tautogs. 3 members went through 12 dozen fiddlers.

9. Speaker/Subject of the Night: John Brown (JB) on catching speckled trout.

- a. Excellent talk from our club expert.
- b. Record trout:
  - 1) World record (caught in Florida): 17 lb-7 oz.

- 2) Virginia State record: 16-0.
  - 3) Current 2012 Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament (VSWFT) leading entry (caught by Mike Whittaker in the Elizabeth River): 14-2.
- c. JB likes to cast and retrieve artificial baits. He sometimes trolls artificial baits. He doesn't use live or dead baits and his talk didn't cover live/dead bait fishing for specks.
- d. JB's boat is a 17-foot, center console with a 90 hp Johnson outboard and an electric trolling motor. He feels the electric trolling motor is one of the most important pieces of equipment for his type of fishing. The motor has a remote control and GPS navigation. Two critical functions are a heading hold and a lock hold. The first keeps the boat on a fixed heading (say, for cruising along a shore line) and the second maintains position (say, once fish are located). These features allow quiet approaches and anchorless operations in moderate wind and waves.
- e. Tackle/Techniques:
- 1) 6 to 7 foot rods with fast tips, rated for 6 to 14 lb line and 1/4 to 5/8 oz lures.
  - 2) 2000 or 2500 series spinning reels. Good quality reels pay off in the long run—reliability and smooth drags.
  - 3) 15 to 20 lb braid with 20 lb clear leader, joined with an Albright knot (low profile through line guides). [Except one rod JB keeps spooled with only mono for special use].
  - 4) Use snap (not a snap swivel) to attach leader to lure. Easier and quicker to change out lures without cutting leader each time. But always check snap regularly, especially after a catch, to ensure it hasn't opened.
- 5) Lures:
- (a) 4-inch paddle tail Bass Assassin on a 1/8 to 1/4 oz jig head (maybe 3/8 oz if trolling): Cast, let sink to bottom, retrieve slowly—steady or with occasional jerks.
  - (b) 5-inch Bass Assassin on 1/4 oz jig head: Used with the all-mono reel. Let sink to bottom and use the "Carolina hop" retrieve—a sharp retrieve followed by letting the lure settle back to the bottom, repeat.
  - (c) MirrOlures: MR17 and the bigger MR27: Cast and let the lure sink (count to 5) to its operating depth of about 2 feet. Slow retrieve with regular jerks.

Occasionally, allow the lure to sit motionless, which often triggers a strike.

(d) Rapalas, Smithwicks, other jerk baits mentioned.

(e) Topwater: Rapala Skitterwalks, MirrOlure Top Dogs, Bombers, others mentioned: Use “walk-the-dog” retrieves. Topwater lures can provide the most exciting fishing, but once the water temperature drops below 68 to 70 degrees, they don’t seem to produce.

6) Locations: Flats, drop offs, points, creek mouths. Very similar to bass fishing.

7) Hire a guide for first time fishing in a new area. Will get up on the learning curve much quicker.

10. Raffle Drawing

11. President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Ince  
Secretary NAC