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## APRIL 2009 GUEST SPEAKER

Master Angler Mike Firestone

*presenting*

# » Golly Whopper Flounders



NAC welcomes back Master Angler Mike Firestone who will present his tactics and techniques for Flounder fishing in and about our local waters. Adding to his many angling accomplishments, in 2011, Mike registered the largest Flounder caught in Virginia for the year...a "golly whopper" weighing 13lbs! So, for those suffering from cabin fever and anxious to get back on the bay to pursue one of the areas favorite fish species, please plan to attend and learn how from the 2011 VSWFT Flounder Award winner.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Mom & Pop's | 331 East Bayview Boulevard Norfolk, VA 23503 | 757-233-2453

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



## Your new NAC editor >>

I thought it was important to take a moment and introduce myself as the new editor for the Norfolk Anglers Club newsletter. My name is Harry Hindmarsh and I LOVE to fish... I offered to take over the Wireline because I have a significant background in publishing... sport fishing publishing to be exact. I'm a photographer and publisher of sport fishing publications all over the east coast and my photography had been featured internationally.

I was born in 1971 and was fishing by 1973. (I've provided a photo of me fishing at the age of two catching croaker off the Bell's Island dock in North Carolina). My father was/is an avid sportsman and ALWAYS took me hunting and fishing.

My sincere love of the water led me to photography because I never wanted the fishing days to end. With photos, the day never had to end and I could look back on these days as often as I wished. The best part is, while memories come and go, my photos stay with me forever.

*"I was born in 1971 and I was fishing by 1973.  
It is my sincere desire to continue the excellence of  
communication Wireline has provided to the club."*

I've worked in the marketing and communications field my entire professional life. I've been the Vice President of Creative for all the firms I've worked for.

In 2002, I decided to start my own Marketing and Communications company. Today, my client portfolio is diverse including companies like Caterpillar, the Travel and Tourism offices of Virginia Beach, Hampton, Norfolk, Newport News, and Chesapeake, Harbor Group International, the International offices of the Brain Injury Law Center, Wolcott Rivers & Gates, Norfolk Marine, Sea Tow Hampton Roads, and over 35 marine based companies on the east coast.



I own a 23' Angler Express with a fully powered (with steering) cobia tower and a 17' Carolina Skiff flats boats. I keep them in mint condition, fully rigged and ready to fish at all times. My boats mean the world to me because when I'm not fishing, I'm spending time with my wife Tiffany and my two kids Hunter and Hannah.

When JB mentioned he needed someone for the Wireline Newsletter, I didn't hesitate to jump in. My promise to you will be evident in the quality of the content and the depth of my photography. I welcome input and hope you will share your photos and memories with us all.

Thank you so much for this opportunity. ■



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

*"When I shoot for magazines such as Marlin Magazine, Saltwater Sportsmen, Outdoor Life and others, I'm often in the field (or on the water) for hours or days at a time. This was the ONLY sailfish that wanted his picture taken on a three-day photoshoot in Venezuela." - Harry R. Hindmarsh*





# fishing reports

*fishing reports*



**LOCATION: Elizabeth River**

**REPORTING ANGLER: JB John Brown**

March has been very good most days in producing some quality Speckled Trout. More recently, we have managed a coupla nice Stripers and our first Redfish for 2012 – a beautiful, multi-spotted 27" release. With the unusually warm weather conditions, most of our efforts have been focused on or near the warming flats and shallow creeks of the river. The bait of choice has been the Mirrorlure 17 or 27 MR and, more recently, top water Rapala Skitter Walks. The attached photos are a collage of pictures taken in recent days and weeks.

If you go, don't expect to "slam" a bunch fish in short order. You will have to put in some time and effort to locate'em...but when you do, there is some nice action to be had.



## fishing reports



**LOCATION:** Elizabeth River

**REPORTING ANGLER:** Harry R. Hindmarsh

It's hard to follow a reporter like JB who is clearly one of the true masters of the "ditch". For me, March proved to be a game of odds because my work schedule kept me from fishing as much as I'd like. I tried to pick low-wind days that I could fish the full incoming and outgoing of both tides. This allowed me to find schools of fish and work them a variety of ways until I had confidence I knew how they were biting. While I prefer casting, trolling has seemed to be the technique of choice. Most trips produced good fish, this particular day produced several citations simply by changing my tactic. 7 hours of casting yielded nothing where as 1.5 hours of trolling yielded 15 fish. Go figure...





## fishing reports



**LOCATION:** Cape Henry Wreck

**REPORTING ANGLER:** Beth Synowiec

We headed over to Cape Henry wreck, anchored, dropped our lines and within minutes it was GAME ON! The tog bite was continuous throughout the day.

I truly enjoyed teaching little Clara today and watching her face lit up with each fish she pulled in. I was so proud of her and I told her so. I also had some quality time with Katie and for a brief moment, I forgot that my oldest is going to be in high school next year. It seemed just like old times. I can't begin to tell you how much fun we had or how many fish we caught because we caught until we ran out of bait!

Why in the world would I share a spot like this? Simple.. Easter is coming up in about a week... Many of you will have your kids home for spring break.. Take them fishing..!! If they have never tog fished before this is a great opportunity and place for kids to learn this fish. The average size of these togs were in 15 to 16 inch range.

Live female blue crab was a big hit here and we also used the occasional fiddler or two on a standard dropper loop rig. Largest fish caught today was my 22 1/2 inch tog.

What a fantastic day on the water and I hope to see you out there.



# photos from our members

*members photos*





# online resources

## FISHING & BOATING RESOURCES

### **[www.FishCrazy.info](http://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](http://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](http://www.baydreaming.com)**

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

### **[www.fishva.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.chesapeake-angler.com)**

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

### **[www.boatsafe.com](http://www.boatsafe.com)**

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

### **[www.sportfishermen.com](http://www.sportfishermen.com)**

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

### **[www.cbf.org](http://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](http://www.dailypress.com/fishingspot)**

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

### **[www.discoverboating.com](http://www.discoverboating.com)**

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

### **[www.hamptonroads.com](http://www.hamptonroads.com)**

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

### **[www.pierandsurf.com](http://www.pierandsurf.com)**

Provides Virginia pier and surf fishing reports.

### **[www.mrc.state.va.us/swr/saltwaterreview](http://www.mrc.state.va.us/swr/saltwaterreview)**

Includes weekly Virginia Marine Resources Commission fishing report.

### **[www.stripersonline.com](http://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](http://www.takemefishing.org)**

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

### **[www.tidalfish.com](http://www.tidalfish.com)**

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

### **[www.vbsf.net](http://www.vbsf.net)**

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

### **[www.vcanaccess.com](http://www.vcanaccess.com)**

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

### **[www.mrc.virginia.gov](http://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](http://www.noaa.gov)**

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

### **[www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)**

Provides a national and local weather forecast for cities worldwide.

### **[www.wtkr.com](http://www.wtkr.com)**

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

### **[www.wunderground.com](http://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](http://www.saltwatertides.com)**

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

### **[www.wvec.com](http://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.**



PHOTOGRAPH BY: Harry R. Hindmarsh

*"I loved this moment because from my vantage point, it looks as if Jesus had returned. While 'walking on water' seems impossible, there are places in the Roanoke Sound where it's a daily occurrence." - Harry R. Hindmarsh*

