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*Randy Brown with a gator trout!*



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**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 pm

## APRIL GUEST SPEAKER

# Brian Lockwood

*presenting*

## » Jetski Fishing



JetskiBrian (alias Brian Lockwood) will be the guest speaker at the Norfolk Anglers Club on April 8, 2013. Brian is well known nationally and in Tidewater for his extensive use of jetski's to find and catch fish, both inshore and offshore. Brian will be talking on fishing on jet ski's, maybe how to catch a drum or some other local species. There also will be a very interesting power point presentation.

**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.

## Sick of Winter. Period. >>

My life as a photographer for the sport fishing industry takes me all over the world. Venezuela, Mexico and many more places. Lately, I've been in Palm Beach Florida shooting photos and videos for a new Bayliss Yacht.

I have mixed feelings about going to some of these places. My heart is firmly planted in Virginia Beach, however being in Florida has really been good for my soul. While Virginia was dealing with sleet, snow, gale winds and frosty days, I was in shorts, flipflops and fishing in 70 degree water. Every time I stepped off the plane, I'm so happy to be home, however, I'm REALLY READY FOR NICE WEATHER HERE.

I know I'm not alone in that feeling. Everyone I know is either slaying the Taug, chasing the trout or praying for mother nature to give us a break. Just about everyone is counting the days for the drum to arrive. Last year, I was lucky enough to get in on a very early drum bite, however I know I won't be so lucky this year.

*"I'm not really a Florida fan. If you're a millionaire and can afford to live on the water, that's one thing. But I'm very jealous of their warm weather..."*

So until then, I'm tying knots, respooling reels and of course I'm constantly working on the boats. I'm watching Facebook reports and talking to as many friends as possible for any indication of a fish bite. It's when weeks go by with blustery conditions that I start resenting my Florida friends. It's not their fault, but frankly, when our passion runs deep it's hard not to feel left out.

Any day now, the first drum will be caught, the stripers will start spawning on the shore and winter will be officially over in my book. Hang on folks, we're almost there! ■



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

*"Times are changing and so is our tackle. Smaller and lighter however more drag than their predecessors. The days of TLD's and Internationals are thinning. Shot for a recent ad campaign in Palm Beach."* - Harry R. Hindmarsh





**LOCATION:** Elizabeth River

**REPORTING ANGLER:** JB John Brown

Speckle fishing in the ER this past month was slow on occasion, but fairly decent most days. For instance, I had a day with as few as 3 fish (after 8 hours of fishing!) but, more often was able to scratch out 20+ a day. Most were quality keeper size with a citation occasionally in the mix.

With longer daylight hours and air temperatures finally starting to become more seasonal, water temperatures are on the rise in the bay and the ER. 50+ degree waters temps are now common in the river... perfect for Specks. As of this writing, we are doing most of the catching in skinny water - 2.5' to 8'. Flats, points, drop offs are target areas. Suspending baits fished sloooowwww are the ticket. Most strikes come after twitching the bait and allowing it to suspend - motionless.

As water temps continue to rise into the upper 50's/low 60's in April, it will be time to break out the top water baits. Early mornings, late afternoons and cloudy days are often preferred times for fishing on top. But, I will be "scratching the surface" during perfectly cloudless days with the sun high in the sky too. We have caught many fish in the middle of a sunny day on top waters.

*fishing reports*



**LOCATION:** Eastern Shore

**REPORTING ANGLER:** Harry R. Hindmarsh

This is the time of year I like to explore new waters, revisit old waters and begin my summer long quest for red drum.

The water temps are too cold for much of anything. Bait is somewhere warm, birds are tending to nests and the dolphins are very curious. The dolphins (this time of year) come much closer to the boat than at any other time.

This report is simple. There was no fish. No stripers and no drum. (yet). But I did see this doe running across the flat. Why she felt it necessary to run in 49 degree water, I'll never know, but it made for a great photo.

# members photos



# NEWS from our friends



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## 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.**

# Closing image

PHOTOGRAPH BY: Harry R. Hindmarsh

*"This is why I've been in Florida so much this year. This is an 82' Bayliss Boatworks Yacht. It's been my second home all winter. It runs over 50 mph. It's the best sportfisher I've ever been on."* - Harry R. Hindmarsh

