



THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

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Next MEETING

Guest Speaker: Mr. Wayne Bradby

Wayne has been kayaking/padding since he was 12 years old (and has the picture to prove it). Since 2003, Wayne has been spotted kayak fishing in the Virginia Beach Area.

He serves as the tournament director for his annual "Fish for Charity" tournament (one of the largest kayak fishing tournaments on the East Coast). Wayne has been on the board of directors of the Tidewater Kayak Anglers Association since it was founded in 2004.

Wayne has always loved fishing in general, fishes tournaments because they are fun and allow him to meet people and support great causes.

Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday September 8, 7 pm

Location:

Teppanyaki Buffet - 7525 Tidewater Dr Norfolk VA 23505

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Third Annual Youth Head Boat Trip August 18, 2014

Written by: Ned Smith

What began as a small community project three years ago by the Norfolk Anglers Club has blossomed into an event we look forward to each year. On August 18th our club hosted 53 East Ocean View youngsters for a day of fishing on the Judith Ann. The youngsters came on board from both the East Ocean Community Center and The Captain's Quarters in Willoughby. The Judith Ann is owned and operated by Ronnie Boone Jr.

The trip was funded by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Norfolk Anglers Club. The day included a four hour head boat fishing trip followed by a cookout at the East Ocean View Community Center. 10 NAC members were on board the Judith Ann helping the 53 youngsters with proper technique, baiting, untangling lines, taking their catch off the line and just getting to know each other. While fishing the waters near the HRBT the kids caught several dozen croaker, puffin, gray trout, toad fish and sea bass. Needless to say each young angler had many "fish tales" to tell.

When back on dry land, the group was transported to the EOVC Community Center where another group of NAC members was preparing a meal. Kids chowed down on hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, potato salad, watermelon and lots to drink. Adults sat among the youngsters while they shared their tales of their fishing experience.

After the trip a couple of the NAC members cleaned the fish and took them back to the Community Center for a future fish fry.

We have already applied to the VMRC for a grant for next year's head boat trip. NAC is very proud of its involvement with the EOVC Community and we look forward to hosting even more youngsters next year.



Fishing Tips....

King Mackerel fishing with Captain Pete "The Pirate" Bregant

King Mackerel fishing means trolling with light action rods, light drag settings, and a variety of lures or bait rigs. Look for water temperatures 68-76 degrees and fish the leeward side structure, such as humps, wrecks, etc. King Macs can be fishing on a slow troll or on Kites to get your bait well away from the boat. A 50# braid line class works fine, The Pirate uses Penn International reels with a light drag. The troll can involve presenting spoons lures, without in-line weights, traditional trolling lures, like the Rapala Magnum, or live bait. When trolling with live bait it's important to remember to maintain a slow speed so as to present the bait naturally. Captain Pete prefers using a double Treble hook rig (#4 Treble Hooks) with the first hooked up through the bait's nose and the second hook swimming freely near the bait's tail. Hooking the second treble hook into the bait can sometimes prevent the bait from swimming naturally. You'll want to fish the water column, so stay off the bottom.

Captain Pete prefers a 8ft Gaff with a 2 inch hook to bring King Mac aboard.

Recent fishing reports highlighted King Mackerel being caught within three miles of the beach off Virginia Beach and Sandbridge areas.



Fishing Reports

A Fun Day Aboard the Fishin Fool 17 AUG 14

By CAPT Lucian Montagna

Crew: Duane Matthews and Alex Titman

Headed east in calm seas to a few wrecks not far offshore after hopping a few hangs, finding divers, other boats, etc., we found a little area to ourselves that produced well

Nice pickings of sea bass, cod flounder and mahi were had, we even released a barely legal Cobia. Nothing huge, but all nice quality fish

All fish were caught drifting baits, a few were had on jigs.

A fun day with an Awesome Crew!

Final Talley: Near Limit Sea Bass, Limit of Flounder, 15-20 Mahi, One Gaffer, Cod and Rat Cobia release



Cobia Friday 15 Aug 14

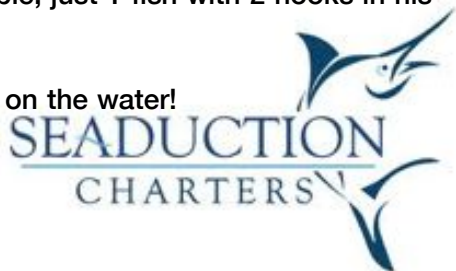
By CAPT Mike Avery

Cancelled my offshore run today because the weather looked too iffy so went cobia fishing with Steve and Bill.

Anchored up on a well known hang and chummed the incoming tide.

Caught 5 cobia and kept 2 eaters at 50 and 44 inches. Lost a big one that just spit the hook before the net. The 44 inch fish ate 2 baits and 2 lines started peeling out at the same time. We thought we had a nice double, just 1 fish with 2 hooks in his mouth.

Nice day on the water!



Offshore Mako Moming

By Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower

I was part of a crew on CAPT Mike Avery's boat Seaduction for an overnight with Wes Smith, Jack Bartell, and Mike's wife Lanie and headed to the triple zeros SE from Hampton Salt Ponds on Sunday 6/14-15/16. The NE winds didn't lay out until much later than predicted so we had a bumpy ride all the way out. But laid out just in time before sunset. It was one of those trips that excitement was high with all the great reports from all the way up to Saturday but listening to the radio traffic seemed the bite turned off with just a slow pick up and down the line. We put lines out and fished till near dusk with no fish and no bait visible but finally we got two yellowfin tunas right before nightfall, both 20-25 lbs, one of them was mine. Set up for swordfish for the night about 50-60 miles off the OBX. Mike and Wes had the early shift so Jack and I went to sleep. When we were wakened at 2:00 AM they reported a lemon shark and hammerhead releases both over six feet. No bait but like we had earlier in the evening when we caught about two dozen tinker mackerel which we had in the livewell so I fished live tinkers on one thirty wide sword line shallow (about fifty feet down) and Mike's eel rig on one deep on a fifty wide and big squid on the third fifty wide. Right about sunrise when the sky starts to lighten, the live tinker line starts to go off and I grab it and see what I thought was a blue shark in the edge of the light perimeter as the shark starts coming towards the bow of the boat then down under it. Then it was like he woke up and went deep while I dogged him up in low gear. By the time I got him near the light Mike wakes up and we can see the shark better and Mike identifies it as a mako shark.



That's when I started sweating since we've had mako's try to jump in the boat before and they are vicious. Then my mako heads straight away from the boat and makes five jumps out of the water at least ten feet each time. That is great he really tires himself out good jumping but still gives me a fight for another half an hour until I get him to the boat and Mike puts a spear in his head then ropes his tail and guts him still in the water. He thrashed around the whole time but regardless we dragged him behind the boat as it got light and we set up for trolling for day break tuna.



My first mako was 66" and about 80-85 lbs. While trolling among pilot whales, we caught five 10-15 lb. skipjack tuna which were the biggest we've seen before hooking up with two 40+ lb. yellowfin tuna. This all occurs before the sun rose above the horizon. actually rose. No joy for the rest of the day which we spent trolling north. On the trip north about six or seven mako's jumping out of the water and two huge over ten feet long hammerheads cruising on the surface. Trip total was four YFT(two- 20's and two- 40"s), five skipjacks, and one 80 lb., 66" mako.



Military Appreciation Day

By CAPT Mike Avery

Did a deep drop overnighter to the Norfolk Canyon Thu-Fri (21-22 Aug 14). Crewed up with Lanie, Doug, Bill, Brandon, and Mark. Everyone worked on Thu so could not leave the docks until after 4 pm arriving on station right at dusk. Put out a 7 rod spread targeting big eye tuna and trolled the NE notch and SE corner until 9:30 pm with no bites. Put out 3 sword lines, 2 floats and 1 tip with eels and squid as bait. No current, at least not on the surface. Drift was 0.2 and many times I looked over we were doing 0.0. Good southerly current about 100 feet down so it at least took our floats away from the boat. Good amount of squid around the lights most of the night. Mark became the squid whisperer for the night and filled the livewell with squid. Put some live squid out deep and shallow.

But we had just sharks at night. Four big hammer heads and one dusky that gave good fights. Tracked some storms to our north using XM weather and the bad stuff all stayed north with just some rain for us.

First light put the spread out again and hit the Big Eye holes and points east trolling around the pilot whales but no joy so gave up after an hour and went deep dropping which was our primary plan anyways. Started out hunting golden tiles and still had no current. Had to bump in and out of gear just to move the boat. Don't think I've ever had to do that, as normally the drift is too fast. We managed 4 nice ones early then just could not get another bite. Interestingly the electric reels did not get any bites but the guys hand cranking got all the bites.

Golden bite seemed to shut right down so went looking for grouper and wreckfish but no luck in some usual spots or new areas. Stopped on a lobster ball to see if some mahi were home and Dave get hammered by a 26.5 lb mahi while 2 others get hooked up to gaffers but both wrapped into the lobster ball line and broke off but we did get Dave's to the boat. After that they would not bite at that ball and checked several other balls and could not find any mahi.

Seemed like a pretty decent white marlin bite going on around us with the Virginia Beach Billfish Tournament going on, congrats to those who placed. We ended the day fishing for blueline tile and boxed our limit of tiles with at least 5 citation bluelines. There is no citation program for golden tiles but I did send a recommendation to VMRC to consider adding golden's to the citation program and understand the committee will discuss at the next meeting.

Got to bed late Friday exhausted then got up early Saturday morning to participate in the Military Appreciation Day event taking 4 Army Soldiers out cobia fishing as a free trip for them. Jorge, Angelo, Dexter, and Nate. Weather changed for the worse with a NE blow of 15 knots. We only managed one undersized cobia but did catch 15 bluefish so the troops seemed to have a good time. The MAD event is a good way to show our appreciation for the military that make sacrifices everyday. Two of my original Soldiers assigned got order to deploy earlier than expected but that is the life of a Soldier.



Catchin' for Kids Anglers Club Challenge

The Catchin for Kids annual Club Challenge tournament was held this year at Vinings Bay Point Marina on 9 AUG 2014. In 2007 Catchin' for Kids began running the annual Anglers Club Challenge each August. This Summer event helps this organization raise awareness of its fall-winter program, as well as its mission.

A special THANK YOU to each of the five Captains and Crew from Norfolk Anglers Club who fished the Club Challenge. Captains and (Crew) were; Matt Butler (Ben Capps), Bert Sainz (Ned Smith, Tim Gavoni), Lucian Montagna (Gerry Hopkins, Bill Lewen), James "Taz" Humphrey (Jim Robinson) and Will Bransom (Louis Glaser, Duane Matthews, Marvin Chivers, Dr. James Eisenhower).



Team Results		
1	Great Bridge Fishermans Association (GBFA)	19 pts
2	Tidewater Kayak Anglers Association (TKAA)	17 pts
3	Portsmouth Anglers Club (PAC)	16 pts
4	Norfolk Anglers Club (NAC)	12 pts
5	Va Beach Anglers Club (VBAC)	5 pts
6	Central VA Sport Fishing Association (CVSFA)	5 pts
7	Jetski Anglers Club (JAC)	3 pts
8	Tidewater Anglers Club (TAC)	0 pts

Species (lbs)	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Bluefish	1.84 - GBFA	1.84 - PAC	1.74 - GBFA
Cobia	64.60 - JAC	28.38 - GBFA	20.80 - GBFA
Croaker	1.24 - GBFA	1.02 - GBFA	.96 - PAC
Flounder	6.04 - NAC	5.46 - CVSFA	4.44 - GBFA
Gray Trout	.58 - GBFA	.54 - NAC	none
King Mackerel	none	none	none
Roundhead	.96 - TKAA	.88 - VBAC	.86 - VBAC
Seabass	4.98 - GBFA	4.80 - NAC	3.38 - NAC
Sheepshead	11.86 - TKAA	11.02 - VBAC	9.10 - PAC
Spadefish	3.24 - TKAA	2.82 - TKAA	2.66 - PAC
Spanish Mackerel	1.44 - NAC	1.18 - CVSFA	1.16 - NAC
Speckled Trout	4.84 - TKAA	4.40 TKAA	3.26 - TKAA
Spot	.52 - PAC	.48 - PAC	.48 - PAC
Triggerfish	3.26 - PAC	3.20 - PAC	3.12 - CVSFA

ANGLER INTERESTS



Boating and Fishing Flea Market at Max King Marine: Saturday 11 October, 2014 at Max King Marine, 3829 Shore Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission \$3 per person with children age 12 and under free.

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) will hold a public hearing on the projects currently proposed for funding from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund. The public hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014, at the Virginia Marine Resource Commission, 2600 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor, Newport News. Written comments, on proposals, should be mailed to: Alicia Nelson, VMRC Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd floor, Newport News, VA 23607 or E-mailed to: alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov. Copies of the proposals can be found at <http://mrc.virginia.gov/vsrd/index.shtm>. Public comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. Friday, September 5, 2014. Additional information can be found at

<http://mrc.virginia.gov/vsrd/index.shtm>. The Norfolk Anglers Club 2015 Norfolk Youth Head Boat Fishing Trip (4th Year) is among the proposed projects.



REWARD

For Bluefin Tuna Tags



US GBYP

A T-shirt and

Orange spaghetti tag: \$50

Green spaghetti tag: \$200

Electronic tag: \$500

All tag returns entered into lottery:

\$1000 1st draw, **\$500** 2nd & 3rd draws

ICCAT GBYP

Yellow spaghetti tag: **50€**/T-shirt

Electronic tag: **1000€**

All tag returns entered into lottery:

1000€ 1st draw, **500€** 2nd & 3rd draws

Please cut off all tags and record:

1. Tag ID number
2. Recovery date
3. Recovery location (lat & long)
4. Curved fork length (over the body length)
5. Round weight (when possible)

*Rewards apply only to tags deployed under the 2011-2014 US and ICCAT GBYP programs. U.S. tag ID numbers begin with "BT". Some fish will have 2 tags, one on each side of the second dorsal fin. Please check both sides of the fish for tags. Other research groups have concurrent tagging programs with their own rewards systems.

To claim your reward, return tag and catch data to:

Large Pelagics Research Center 978-283-0368

lpctunalab@gmail.com

For electronic tags phone 603-767-2129

OR

NMFS/NOAA 800-437-3936 tagging@noaa.gov

For address and more information visit www.tunalab.org



Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirement

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a boating safety education compliance requirement. The requirement for boating safety education is phased-in over several years and applies to all Personal Watercraft (PWC)* operators and operators of boats with motors of 10hp and greater according to the following schedule:

1. PWC operators between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2009, operators ages 14 or 15 may operate a PWC if they have successfully completed an approved boating education safety course;
2. PWC operators 35 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2010;
3. PWC operators 50 years of age or younger and motorboat operators 20 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2011;
4. All PWC operators, regardless of age, and motorboat operators 30 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2012;
5. Motorboat operators 40 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2013;
6. **Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2014;**
7. Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2015;
8. All motorboat operators, regardless of age, shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.

* Please note, a Personal Watercraft, PWC, more commonly known as a Ski-Doo® (Bombardier Recreational Products), Waverunner® (Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA), and JET SKI® (Kawasaki Motors Corp., USA), are defined as motorboats less than 16 feet in length that are powered by jet pumps, not propellers, where the persons stand, kneel, or sit on, rather than inside the boat.

T-Shirts for SALE

Check them out at the next meeting! \$15.00 for short sleeves and \$18.00 for long sleeve

