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MEETING

Guest Speaker: Joining us for the August meeting is Kevin Mills on Freshwater Fishing around Hampton Roads. Kevin got into freshwater fishing at an early age. Throughout his military career Kevin had an opportunity to fish at many of his duty stations

around the country and promoted freshwater fishing to fellow service personnel at every opportunity before eventually settling in Hampton Roads. Kevin is active with the Bass Chasers (www.basschasersvb.com) organization and enjoys participating in the Bass Fishing circuit and local tournaments.





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Important: Date of next meeting - Monday, August 14th at 7pm

Location: <u>Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill</u> 7525 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23505

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Lynnhaven Fishing with James Robinson:

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With 64 square miles of waterway and 150 miles of shoreline the Broad Bay, Linkhorn Bay and Lynnhaven River system provides anglers with nearly unmatched fishing opportunity. From narrow creeks that feed the estuary, salt marshes, its shallow bays and oyster beds, the Lynnhaven River system holds rewards for anglers who put in the effort fishing the area. There's Flounder, Puppy Drum, Striped Bass, Speckled Trout (Spotted Sea Trout), Spot, Croaker, and many more species to target year-round.

Norfolk Angler Club member Jimmy Robinson is one of those anglers who can frequently

be found in his Mako 17 fishing around Lynnhaven. Jimmy's a long time Lynnhaven resident, angler, and Tagger for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP) with more than 7,500 fish tagged and 525 returned tags.

Jimmy prefers fishing Lynnhaven with light tackle. A typical setup includes a light weight spinning reel/rod spooled with 10-14 pound monofilament line or 20 pound braided line. Twenty pound fluorocarbon is the

leader material of choice. Jimmy shared that fluorocarbon leader is a better choice over monofilament because it's harder for the fish to see and holds up far better to abrasion.

Jimmy fishes live bait (preferred), fresh dead bait, and artificial lures. Much depends on the time of year and availability of bait, he added. Using fresh bait is important with a number of species. Fresh cut mullet is a good alternative if nothing else is available. The first choice when using live/dead bait is to put it real close to the bottom for Puppy Drum and Speckled Trout. While both species will hit baits in mid-water column and on the surface, they primarily feed close to the bottom along structure that permits them to ambush their prey. Fishing the edges of the grass beds, oyster beds, drop offs, and along bulkheads and piers will give anglers the most success. "I like fishing moving water and fish deep toward the shallow water" Jimmy shared. Fast moving water sweeps the bait fish toward the waiting Puppy Drum and Specs. He advised, while you're fishing fast water, you need to fish REAL SLOW. "You can't fish too slow for Puppy Drum and Speckled Trout, especially in the fall and winter."



Artificial lures are primarily MirroLure. MirroLure makes a wide variety of artificial lures that cover the water column that float, suspend, and sink. One popular MirroLure is the MR17 Suspending Lure and the

Sinking TT series lures. Jimmy favors the darker back/lighter side color combination, such as the TT-18 pictured.

He also replaces the trailing treble hook with the VMC SureSet® Dressed Treble hook. The VMC SureSet® Hooks have a single hook extended past the other two hooks and come either plain or dressed with white or red hair/feathers.







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retrieve. Unlike many hard plastic lures, the Fat Boy has a soft body much like the texture of bait fish.

A good artificial lure need not be sexy to catch fish, take D.O.A's Regular TerrorEyz lure. It's kind of plain,

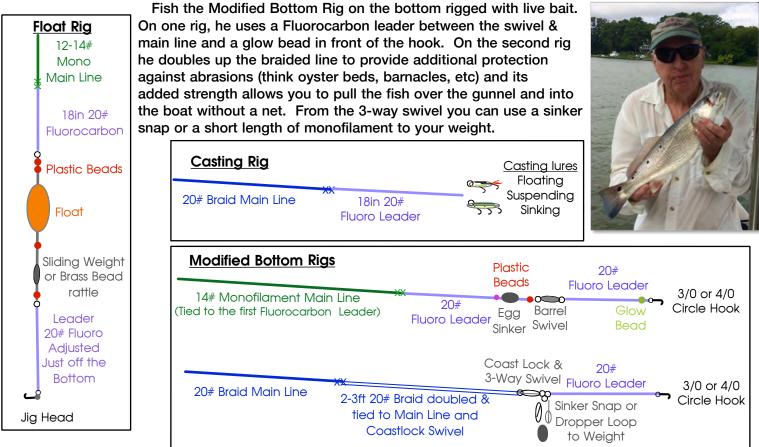
small and flat with large eyes and Jimmy will tell you the Puppy Drum can't stay away from it! If there's one characteristic Jimmy looks for in an artificial lure it's one having a big eye.

Likewise, his jig heads are Zman Trout Eye [™] Jig Heads, they've got three eye colors and razor sharp hooks. They also have something most jig heads fall short, Trout Eyes [™] have an exceptional barb to hold your soft tail in position on the jig head even after repeated strikes on the lure.

Jimmy likes to pair a Bass Assassin Paddle Tail with a yellow tail on a jig head for fall/winter Puppy Drum. He recommends let it sink to the bottom and fish it with slow cranks and an occasional "pop". He'll also apply an attractant like Pro-Cure scents to artificials lures and soft tails.

Live bait rigging involves two rigs, a Float Rig and a Modified Bottom Rig. Your first choice of bait is fresh mullet or live minnows. Fresh cut mullet is a good 2nd choice.

When using the Float Rig, place your live bait just off the bottom, perhaps a couple of inches. Hook the mullet or minnow onto the jig head and make sure your float isn't laying on its side (meaning the bait is on the bottom and not *just off* the bottom).





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Fishing Reportsoo



3 July: Bert Sainz and I went out Flounder fishing to the Highrise Bridge early to hit the tide turnover. We caught a 17" and a couple throwbacks. Once the outgoing tide kicked in, the current was so swift that we had to stop live baiting and jigging and go to cut bait on bottom rigs. After 3 hours of swift water and very few bites at the Highrise, we went to the 2nd Island where we caught an 18" and 23" and several throwbacks on jigs and live bait.

10 July: I went out with Bert and Andy Reed for Flounder fishing at the CBBT's 1st and 2nd Islands. Winds were southeast at 13 to 15 mph. We took home 6 keepers (18" to 20") and threw back a few. It appears that more Flounder are coming into the system. - Ned Smith

30 JUN: I took John Ghetty, Mike Delbridge and Gregg Rogers out to Flounder fish and try for Sheepshead and Spadefish at the High Level Bridge if we saw any. Austin Hayne (Finao Sportfishing) was just leaving as we pushed off.

We stopped at the 3rd Island for 20 minutes to catch a few blues for the crab pots and flounder bait while we waited for the current to slack. The grass was still heavy and we only caught 1 Spanish Mackerel in the short time we trolled. While we were at the 3rd we noticed Austin was already on a Cobia about a mile west of us. I over heard him talking to the fork lift driver, they caught 8 and missed some.

Mike was on the Flounder at once jigging up a 16 3/4" then another short and a 19" in quick succession. He then hooked a bigger fish which we fought for about 20 minutes. It was a 41" Cobia with a fork length of 38. We released it.

Things slacked off a little after that and we only got toads and shorts so we ran down to the 4th to fish a couple flounder holes there. There was no Flounder love there but Gregg hooked another big fish. It seemed to be stuck to the bottom like a ray but came off the bottom after two or three minutes and made a run like a Cobia.

Gregg worked the fish for 15 minutes. It turned out to be a 3 1/2 foot Hammerhead Shark which was released after a short photo shoot with Gregg. Things got slow again so we moved to fish the bridge. We fished some structure and put some grey trigger fish in the cooler. The wind and waves were building so we headed back in. - Mike Hubert



4 July: Nick Wright, John Brown and I went Cobia fishing on the bay side shoal, 150 yards off the CBBT.

We fished 4 rods with cut menhaden on circle and J hooks and a fifth rod with live spot. The current and wind was in our favor!

Nick had a great chum slick working on the outgoing tide.

By the end of the day Nick boated a 45" Cobia and we released a small one.

We didn't catch a lot of critters (2 Sharks, 1 big Stingray and 3 small Skates).

- Ned Smith





















26 June: I took Will Bransom and John Ghetty out on Magic Carpet Ride to look for Spadefish and Sheepshead. As always, we put out trolling lines to catch some bluefish first thing in case we decided to Flounder fish too. There was too much grass in the water which kept fouling our spoons and planers and for the first time in a long time we couldn't catch any blues. Fishing was very slow all day no matter where we went!

We started out at the High Level Bridge looking for Spadefish and Sheepshead stopping at several bridge piers but only managed a few small Grey Trout caught by Will, who was catching in pairs all day. After 45 minutes of fighting the current and seeing no Sheepshead or SpadeFish (and only catching toads and small stuff), we decided to motor around the pilings looking for them. We did that for another hour and still didn't have any success. After a dismal beginning we went to our old reliable Spadefish spot at the 3rd Island. We had to make numerous tries to to get the anchor to set but finally did get it set in 30 feet of water, just where we wanted to be!

Conditions were not ideal. The wind was blowing much harder than predicted and the sky was overcast much of the day. Action was slow! We decided to move to shallower water which was a good thing. The bite picked up a little and we caught 1 keeper Spadefish and 3 Grey Trigger fish. Will caught his first Spadefish which was the only single he had all day. He caught 2 Pufferfish, 2 baby Seabass (too small to even tag), 2 baby Grey Trout, 2 Porgies and 2 Toads. Fishing was horrible all day but we had fun and some good laughs. - Mike Hubert

Ronnie Hillin out fishing!



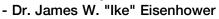
20 July: The Spadefish bite continues at the CBBT islands so Bob Stuhlman who missed most of the fishing in June for health reasons had to try his hand with me. We got some "Conch Chum" from Ocean's East and plenty of clams and headed out on Bob's Grady White looking for the Spadefish.

We checked the 3rd and 4th and even went out to the High Rise part of the CBBT but didn't really find any in schools. We anchored anyway at the 4th and put out our chum and within 15 minutes I had a nice 4 lb Spadefish on (pic below). Then in about a half an hour more, I had caught 2 more then Bob hooked one. They really liked the lines we had on bobbers and were about 5 feet down.



We finished the day after catching 5 keepers total that were from 3-4 lbs each when the bite died off as the tide and wind turned towards the SE and picked up.

The heat index was over 100 degrees and with increasing winds threating to beat us up on the way back so we left. The chum seems to make the difference when fishing the islands since most of the other fishermen out there that day didn't catch any.





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Capt. Mike Griffith USCG Licensed 757-687-9093 9 July: I went out to the 4th Island of the CBBT and anchored to try our luck for catching Spadefish. I was accompanied by my daughter Carlie and her husband Norman. We caught over 40 Spadefish and kept 12 nice sized ones. The bait of choice was fresh clams. - Gary Waddell



25 July: I went looking for Speckled Trout in the Little Creek jetty area and Pretty Lake with Louis Glaser using only artificials, mostly rubber baits on jig heads. Winds were North 15-20 so it was difficult to fish the ends of the jetty and flats but regardless no joy in those locations. So we went into the Pretty Lake and within minutes had hits on our rubber baits. The tide was full and just starting to go out when we started; in no time Louis had a 15" Speckled Trout in the boat. I hooked a nice one after that but it came off the hook at the net. We continued fishing the area and ended up with 6 hook ups, two keepers 15" and 16", two throwbacks and two lost at the net (both keeper size). We lost those because they got hooked really near the boat as we were retrieving our baits. We had to fight them while we got the net, no real time to set the hook. Nevertheless, it was fun catching and fishing for Speckled Trout already since this is much earlier than we usually fish them in the Little Creek and Pretty Lake. Last year they were all under 14" so we are expecting this to be a good year for keeper sized fish. I know they are already in the Lynnhaven.



15 July: Jamil out fished me three to zero. He had two 21" and one 18" Flounder. It was all good! - Louis Glaser



- Dr James W. "Ike" Eisenhower & Louis Glaser





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1 July: My brother-in-law John Rogers, fellow angler Patrick Koren and I went to the Third Island on the CBBT to try our luck at Spadefish.

The bite was good and we all managed to catch our limit of Spadefish and picked up a few nice size triggerfish.

We caught 20 Spadefish and 10 or so Triggerfish in all and the smaller ones were thrown back.

We used fresh clams. We would of stayed longer but the wind and seas picked up and we were back at the dock at 10:00 AM.

- Gary Waddell



Fouth of July Weekend: Aiden Wentworth caught a Largemouth Bass in a canal in Sandbridge. He was with his grandfather Paul and father Jonathan. - Paul Wentworth



2 July Striper Chumming: I went up to Annapolis, MD for the weekend and got to go out fishing twice on 2 different boats. We went to a rather popular chumming spot north of the US 50 Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Despite being among 60+ boats, everyone was catching Stripers. We set out 4 rods with fish-finder rigs hooked large chunks of menhaden. After about 2.5 hours, we completed a 4 man limit of Stripers up to 32 inches. The 32 incher hit my Shimano Stradic 3000 and probably ripped off about 25+ yards of line on its first run and made me think it was a cownose. Unfortunately, that fish was going further south and was cranked in 3 minutes later. The other "big" fish of the trip came in at 30 and 29 inches.



3 July Shallow Water Stripers: I went out in a small 16' skiff along the Eastern Bay of Maryland. We targeted shallow(2-4ft) natural and artificial shoreline structures. As expected, the grade of these fish were smaller, but being able to sight cast and fight schoolie fish on light gear makes



this one of my favorite fisheries. In 3 hours, we released at least 50 Stripers between the 2 of us. I kept my one man limit with a 24 and 22 incher. All fish came off 3 and 4 inch soft plastic paddletails rigged on Z-man Trout Eye jigheads.



9 July Eastern Shore Flounder: I somehow managed to load both my 13' kayaks into the 6ft bed of my Tacoma and drove out to Wise Boat Ramp on the Eastern Shore. I originally thought I might have a shot of casting for puppy reds in the flats, but was told by the local tackle shop that smaller reds have been very difficult to find recently. Nevertheless, I knew there are always flounder by bridge pilings. My friend and I bounced Gulp Shrimps on jigheads under the bridge and finished the day with 3 Flounder each. I lucked out with a 17.5 inch keeper.

15 July Cobia Skunk Continues: I yakked out north of Buckroe and started

chumming for cobia sometime in the middle of the morning. Within 10 minutes of dropping the chum bag in the water, I had small sharks by my yak.

One shark even started biting my bag! Needless to say, most my eels where quickly destroyed. I did land 5 "small" Sharks on this trip. While yakking to another spot, I did



have a hit while slow trolling the live eel. I gave it about 10 seconds to swallow, but it spit the eel out. The eel was definitely bumped, but no actual teeth marks. I believe it was a small Cobia.



2 July: My brother-in-law John Rogers, fellow anglers Dave and Beth Hayes and I set up at the 4th island of the CBBT to try our luck for Spadefish. The bite was great! We weeded through a lot of small Spadefish until we got into some really nice sized Spadefish. We caught over 30 Spadefish and a few Triggerfish. We all caught our limit before 11:00 AM. We used fresh clams for bait. The weather and seas were nice! We were not the only Norfolk Anglers Club members out there, we ran into lke and Louis at the Fourth Island. - Gary Waddell



21 July: I went out with Taylor Lyne and his friend Jason jigging for Flounder. We caught 4 keepers with the largest 22". It was a Great Day on the water! - Louis Glaser



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21 - 22 July: On Friday 7/21, I went out to the Third island at the CBBT to fish for Spadefish. I was accompanied by longtime Pennsylvania fishing **buddy Dennis Harris** and his 2 sons Evan and Craig. The Spadefish bite was slow but consistent with a few in the 5 to 7 lb range. We caught a total of 27 Spadefish and everybody came home with their limits. On Saturday 7/22 I took the same crew out to the CBBT to target Flounder. Not one Flounder was caught! A mixed bag of Bluefish, small specs and toads was all we could get to bite. - Gary Waddell

23 July: I went out with Greg Wermuth to fish the CBBT for the entire day. We started the day off trolling between the island running a 2 rod Buefish/Spanish spread with a Bowed Up Spoon 100ft behind the boat rigged with a 3 oz inline sinker and another Bowed Up Spoon 40ft back off a small Sea Striker planar. We ended up with 6 Bluefish and 1 Spanish Mackerel in about 30 minutes.



As for Spadefishing, we anchored right off the rocks and dropped the chum overboard. Small schools of Spadefish would periodically pop up and slowly circle the boat in a counterclockwise manner. We ended up with 6 Spadefish and many more bites that didn't stay on, including a breakoff. - Brian Tsai



25 July: I waded through pin head croakers in Long Creek to get these 8"- 9" Spots. Dinner!!! - James Robisnon



19 July: CAPT Nick, John Brown and I went to the 1st and 2nd islands to Flounder fish. We started fishing the islands around 8:00 am and got back to the barn to clean fish by 1 pm. We had light westerly winds and a falling outgoing tide. The bite started immediately on live mullet on bottom rigs and cobia belly and gulp on 2 oz. bottom jig heads. Twice we had double Flounder hookups. By 11:30 am we had our limit of 12 but threw the last fish (17 inch) back because we KNEW we could catch a bigger fish. WELL it took another 45 minutes to get the 12th fish (19 1/2 in.) in the box. Lesson learned -- don't throw back keepers. All the flounders were fat high quality fish ranging from 18 to 21 1/2 inches. This was the best Flounder fishing day this year.





22 July: Nick and I followed up on a Flounder trip to the 1st - 2nd Island. The wind was gusting at 15 mph or more out of the southwest and the outgoing current was strong. We used gudgeon and flounder belly strips on bottom rigs and 3 oz. jig heads with cobia belly. Good technique fishing was difficult however we picked up 5 keepers and 3 throwbacks. Nick caught the largest -- a 23 inch fatty. - Ned Smith



28 July: I went in Little Creek on a cloudy afternoon and caught 3 keeper Speckled Trout. I had 3 throwbacks. I used paddle tails with 1/4 once jig. It looks like we are going to have a Good Year! - Louis Glaser







July 18: I was invited to fish offshore with Capt John Burnett on his *Jezebel III* (Luhrs 38) with fellow Norfolk Angler Greg Rogers. We left at 5:00 am from Rudee Inlet and made our way east to the Fingers. Greg rigged up enough

medium and horse ballyhoo to get us started when we arrived at the fishing

grounds 65 nm east of Virginia Beach. We arrived and found a couple of other boats setting up to troll with a few more coming in behind us. We worked the Fingers for a few hours while communicating with the fleet. Fishing was slow, not much marking on the depth sounders, and only a few reporting False Albacore, Yellow Fin Tuna, and Dolphin. The Yellow Fin just weren't cooperating for the morning bite. We were encouraged by the occasional "Fish On" from the other vessels but as the morning dragged on Skipper had another area to give a try.



We pulled lines in and rigged with fresh bait while we headed southeast leaving the fleet behind. Capt John selected our starting point and we soon had our 9 lines out. Our setup included naked ballyhoo, some skirted ballyhoo, a deep planer rig, flat lines, and lines way back and one a bit closer.



It wasn't long after we had our rigs out that we had our first hit. Our way back line with a green machine and horse ballyhoo had a fish on. Greg took the reel and started the process of keeping pressure on the fish while I cleared lines and the Skipper maneuvered the boat. It wasn't too long before we saw the color and the Yellow Fin alongside and soon the gaffed Tuna landed in the box.

Capt John put us right back on our waypoint and a short line went off with a False Albacore on the line. We cleared that one and the way back line hit again. It was no Albacore this time. We kept pressure on the fish as it was taking drag and got it closer to the boat before it made another hard run and got free. After circling around and resetting gear, we hooked another two False Albacore.

We rigged up and made another run on our waypoint and again the way back bait on the green machine sounded off. We worked the rigs back on deck as we kept working this fish. It was powerful and was pulling drag far easier than the other two. Once we had it alongside

we could tell it was a larger Yellow Fin. The Skipper came down and worked the gaff while Greg tended the leader. Another Tuna in the box.

We continued working the area in hopes of putting another in the box before heading to Rudee Inlet. What a Great Day on the water with two incredible anglers! Many thanks to Greg for teaching me his techniques rigging ballyhoo and to Skipper John Burnett for taking us out.

- Will Bransom





4 July: Holly and Bill Hamilton joined me for a Morning of Spanish Mackerel out of Rudee Inlet. We cleared the jetties at 7:00 AM and caught 25 Spanish using 00 Clark spoons. We never made it south of the Navy base. With a day of BBQ's ahead of us and enough fillets for us and a neighbor, we headed in and returned to the dock by 9:00 AM.





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7 July: My friend Dan Moore drove down from New Jersey to fish with me only to find a steady 15-20 knot wind. It was coming out of the west which allowed us to sneak out of Rudee Inlet and stay close to the beach tucked in, out of the wind. We caught eight Spanish Mackerel up to 21.5 inches on spoons before the wind started changing directions, letting us know it was time to go in.



July 9th - We went looking for Cobia off the CBBT and saw six fish but only two bit and came into the boat. Using bucktails and eels, we caught a 30 inch junior and a 44.5 inch that came home with us.





July 15th - I snuck out to the CBBT alone looking for one Cobia on a day that started out to be nice, clear, and sunny but quickly turned overcast. Luckily I brought a handful of Clams and had just enough sun to spot a small school of Spadefish off the third island. I was able to



and. I was able to catch a 17.5 inch and a 18.5 inch before time ran out on me.

July 26th - I had a very open-minded crew that allowed me to experiment with a different eel hook for Cobia. I wanted to try a shorter shanked hook than usual. Fishing the Baltimore Channel we saw six Cobia and had three of those eat our eels. All three were estimated 40-60 lbs and all three spit hooks early into the fights. The wind picked up and we headed in to lick our wounds. My hook experiment was a failure on this day so I'm sticking to my usual Owner 5111's. - Alex Perez



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