

**THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB**

# **WIRELINE**

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**Guest Speaker:** Captain Jay Brooks, *Smoke Show Sportfishing*, Fishing for Sheepshead and Swordfish from Kayaks to Sportfishers

**Fishing Tips:** Offshore/Inshore fishing for Flounder and Mahi, Captain Brandon Cook, *Reel Fish'n Charters, Ltd*

### **Fishing Reports:**

- Chesapeake Bay; Spanish Mackerel, Spadefish, Cobia, Flounder
- Little Creek/Pretty Lake; Croaker, Crabs, Flounder
- Lynnhaven; Red Drum, Flounder
- Tower Reef; Flounder
- VB Oceanfront; Spanish Mackerel, Bluefish
- Michigan; Northern Pike, Yellow Perch, Sunfish
- Florida/Keys; Mangrove & Yellowtail Snapper, Schoolmaster, Grunts - Maryland/Potomac & Patuxent River; Snakehead



# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Welcome Anthony Redoblado to the Norfolk Anglers Club. We're glad to have in our club and look forward to fishing with you.

Don't forget about the Military Appreciation Day event on Saturday, August 24th. This is a once-a-year event to honor our Active Duty military personnel with a day of fishing. If you're interested in volunteering to fish or help out ashore, please visit the MAD-Tidewater webpage and sign-up. It's a great event to show our appreciation for their service and sacrifices.

A tremendous Thank You to Wendy Bransom, our Wireline Editor. This August edition marks the fifth anniversary of her taking on the newsletter Editor job. Each month Wendy's worked to have the newsletter published on time and in professional fashion. She also manages our FaceBook account to keep it refreshed with current and interesting information for our angling community.

- Will

## Meeting

We've got another great guest speaker lined up for the next meeting. Jay will share his experiences fishing Sheepshead and Swordfish from Kayaks to Sportfishers.

Having first started fishing the Chesapeake Bay on his kayak - taking top spots at tournaments as a member of the Wilderness Systems prostaff and later when fishing on his first 20' bay boat, Jay took on a new challenge in 2017 purchasing a 30' center console to target offshore fishing for pelagics and deep-sea species. After successful trips for wahoo, multi-flag marlin days, a 671lb, 102' Giant Bluefin Tuna, and the second-largest swordfish (259lbs) caught in Virginia, last year he once again braved rough waters to take his fishing to the next level - trading up to a 36' custom sportfish and starting a charter fishing business. Join us on Monday, August 12th to hear Jay discuss how to hone your craft, the things he learned from fishing from smaller crafts and transitioning to tougher challenges on the water.



## Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, 12 August at 7pm

## Location:

Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill

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# Club Calendar

## August

Mon, August 5th, EOVC Community Center

Children's Headboat Trip & Cookout

Mon, August 12th, Club Meeting

Tues-Thurs Aug 13-16th, Mid-Atlantic Fishery

Management Council Meeting, Philadelphia

Sat, August 24th, MAD-Tidewater event (Cobbs Marina)

Tues, August 27th, VMRC Meeting

### East Ocean View Community Center Clean Up Day

July 13: Thank You to Greg Rogers, Ned Smith, Paul Harris, Dr Ike, and Wendy & Will Bransom for helping to clean up the EOVC Community Center. Throughout the year the Norfolk Anglers Club spends a morning to pick up trash and debris from the EOVC Community Center and the Lake Whitehurst Public Boat Ramp in an effort to keep our waterways clean and provide a safe area for the children to play.





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## Fishing Tips...

### Offshore/Inshore Fishing for Flounder & Mahi Captain Brandon Cook, Reel Fish'n Charters, Ltd.



#### Preparation and Safety

A day offshore fishing and trolling the wrecks involves lots of preparation, there's the rods/reels, fishing rigs, lures, and bait to assemble. Captain Brandon Cook shared anglers should also focus on ensuring the boat's prepared with all the necessary equipment for a trip far offshore. Safety equipment includes Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) for everyone onboard that fit correctly and are in good shape, required signaling devices, a first aid kit, and an operable VHF radio. He shared once you get past about 13 miles there's no cellular service and your VHF radio is your best option for getting help during an emergency. An Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon or EPIRB will work when you're beyond VHF radio range. He added, don't forget to include necessary oils and steering fluid, some common hand tools and extra oil and fuel filters. Having the required safety items on the boat and a few extra filters will make you better prepared for being offshore. He also recommended having a towing assistance membership, like Sea Tow, and shared having that membership with Sea Tow Hampton Roads will avoid a costly trip if a breakdown occurs.



#### Flounder Fishing

*Reel Fish'n Charters* likes to target flounder on the offshore wrecks and recommends anglers drift alongside and place their bait around the edges of the wreck. While flounder can be found on top of many of the wrecks, your best chances for catching flounder will be to fish the sandy edges where the flounder lay in wait for baitfish. Fishing the ends of the wrecks and any breaks in the structure is also a good tactic as the water washes smaller fish around the structure. Early in the season, Capt Cook uses live gudgeons rigged to entice the flounder.

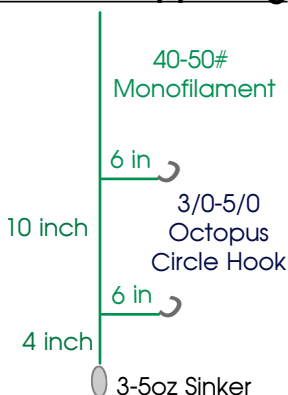
Reel Fish'n Live Bait Flounder Rig is tied with 40-50# Monofilament line and uses a 2oz jig head on the end rigged with a 4-6 inch piece of strip bait about an inch wide. Trim your strip bait so it "swims" and doesn't spin when it's on the jig head. Eight inches above the jig head tie a 6 inch loop to a Gamakatsu Octopus Circle Hook and rig with a gudgeon.

Capt Cook will also use a double dropper rig tied with 40-50# monofilament line. He prefers using the Gulp!® Swimming Mullet artificial lures in white and pink.

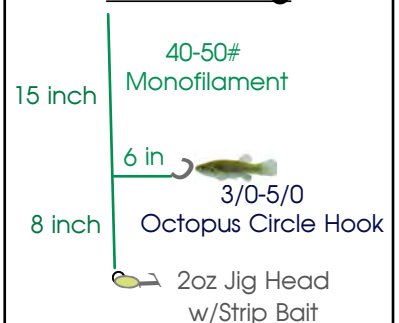
#### Monofilament or Fluorocarbon?

Lots of debate on what's better and in the end, it's an anglers choice. *Reel Fish'n Charters* uses monofilament for all their rigs and advises that once it starts getting nicked and chafed while fishing the structure, replace it! Capt Cook also likes using the Hi-Vis Yellow braided line for his mainline; For Spinning Reels it's 30# and for Bait Casting Reels it's 40# braid. His decision on tying his rigs with 40# or 50# mono is based on whether it's going on a Spinning Reel or Bait Casting Reel. The lighter 40# mono is used with the 30# Braid and the 50# rig is paired with the 40# braid.

#### Flounder Double Dropper Rig



#### Flounder Live Bait Rig



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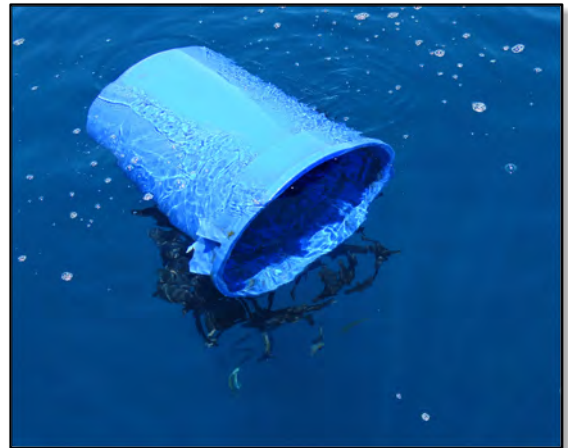
There's probably not a more colorful fish than Dolphin or Mahi-Mahi being reeled in in clear water. When they're "lit up" its colors are bright yellow and green.

When transiting to/from the fishing grounds *Reel Fish'n Charters* recommends checking out the buoys and any floating debris you see along the way. These floating objects, like the blue trash can pictured below, are natural fish attractors and fish of all sizes will be drawn to them.



Anglers can often find Mahi beneath them feeding on the smaller fish. Captain Cook recommends having a spinning reel with a snap swivel on the braided mainline rigged and ready to go. He'll often rig a bare hook

with a piece of cut bait, like squid or a small chunk of fish and cast it to the Mahi. He'll also add some split lead shot or a 1/2-3/4 ounce sinker to the rig to get the casting distance.



You may have heard the term "Bailing Dolphin" and it describes when your on the dolphin and getting them into a feeding frenzy and catching them one after another. Dolphin are voracious feeders and once you get the bite turned on just about anything you throw into the water is going to catch a fish. An important point to remember is once you've hooked the first fish and brought it toward the boat, DON'T bring it into the boat, at least not yet. Dolphin are a schooling fish and when one gets hooked the school will generally follow that hooked fish. Bring the school closer and start pitching additional rigs to them. Once two fish are on it's time to bring the first



hooked fish into the boat. Once you have multiple fish hooked up, just remember to keep a hooked fish in the water and start bailing dolphin.

If the beautiful color isn't enough for you the craziness the dolphin can bring will certainly entertain. Initially, dolphin will be subdued when dropped in the boat. Work quickly to get them in the fish box and un-snap the rig, re-rig and get back to casting. Soon after the fish are on the boat they'll often go "crazy" and thrash around. It's best to let their craziness happen in the fish box!



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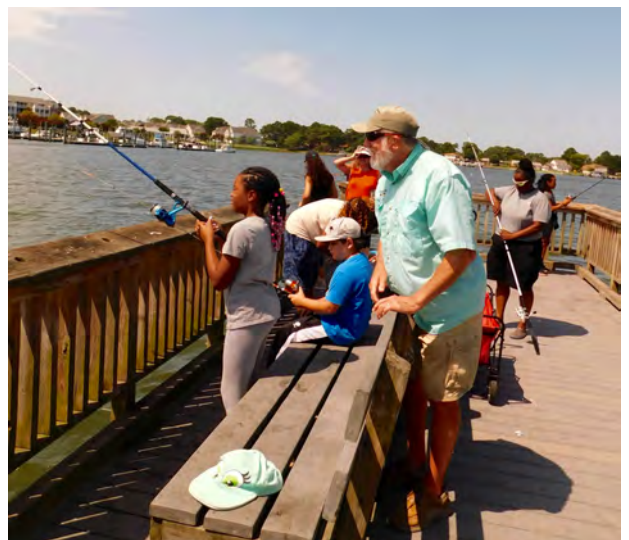
# East Ocean View Community Center

## Children's Pier Fishing

July 18th: The Norfolk Anglers Club hosted the children at the East Ocean View Community Center to a day of pier fishing at the Community Center. Norfolk Anglers Henry & Mary Troutner, Ned Smith, James "Dr Ike" Eisenhower, Paul Harris, Mike Hubert, Angela Adams, and Will Bransom spent the day helping out the kids with fishing equipment, baiting the hooks, and handling the fish they caught. Lots of croakers and spot caught. During the event the Norfolk Anglers hosted them to a hotdog cookout. Thanks to all who volunteered their time to help the EOVC kids enjoy a day fishing at their Community Center.









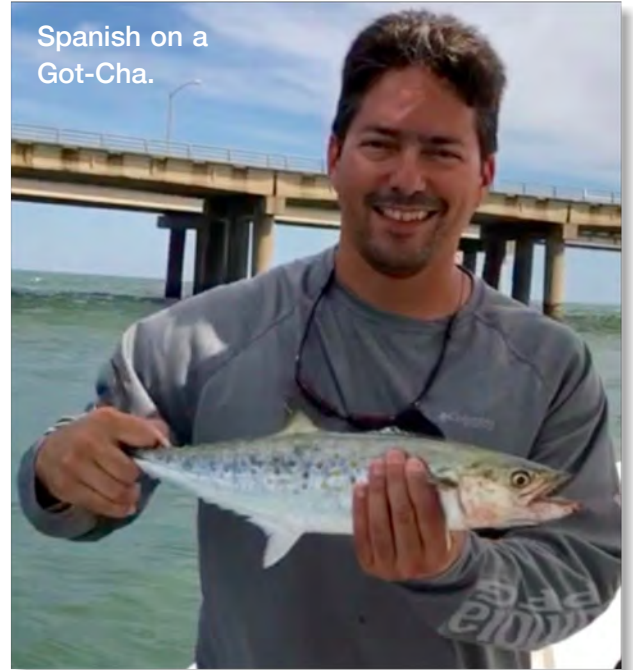
# Fishing Reports...



Spadefish  
for dinner

28 June: I fished with the Hamilton family at the third and fourth islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel on a Friday. During the outgoing tide, we trolled the ocean side of the rocks and the first 15 pilings from each island catching Spanish Mackerel on Clark spoons. When the Spanish were staying in one area, we also stopped the boat and began casting 7/8 ounce Got-Cha lures on 10 pound spinning gear, catching two or three in the process. When the action slowed down, we switched to

Spadefishing along the rocks using pieces of Chowder clam. Fishing for them was slow and only caught a couple up to 16 inches before we decided to head in.



Spanish on a  
Got-Cha.



Right under 40 inches

29 June: I fished with Steve Baumann out of Kiptopeke looking for Cobia on a Saturday. We focused on sight fishing from the tower since we had beautiful weather conditions for it. Once we reached the edge of the Baltimore Channel, we started noticing many Cownose rays and Houndfish. Every once in awhile, we'd catch a glimpse of smaller Cobia streaking by at a high rate of speed. These fish were not interested in feeding at the moment. Our plan was to present a 2 ounce, orange bucktail jig or a live eel if it was a larger fish. We only had two honest attempts at casting to sighted Cobia, catching one at 38 inches on the bucktail and another at 39.75 inches on an eel. Both fish were tagged for the Virginia Gamefish Tagging Program and released healthy.

- Alex Perez



Steve and his  
new friend.





30 June: Spadefish: I guided some friends from Northern VA to fish for "something other than cobia." We have not had much luck sight casting this season and wanted to try something different. I knew the spadefish bite had been on for weeks now. As expected, there were over a dozen boats anchored at both 3rd and 4th Islands of CBBT. I chose the 4th Island because I thought it wasn't as crowded. Nevertheless, we anchored and joined the party. I had 1 small chum log in the water and set up with 3 bobber rigs. I hooked a small 12 inch within 2 minutes of setting up. Five minutes later, I hooked onto to a nicer fish and fought it for about two minutes. It was a nice 17.5 inch. My friend got his first spade of the season shortly thereafter. My last spadefish of the day was the largest, 19 inches and took me almost around the boat. I run 15# flurocarbon leader and and #2 red hooks with a red bead above it. We finished with 5 nice spades in the 16-19 inch range and released 6 more little ones.



#### 6-7 July: Snakeheads

Snakehead fish started establishing themselves in the Potomac and Pax River drainage tributaries since 2002 and really flourished along in Blackwater National Refuge on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. I knew about them, but finally decided to go target them. Although still considered invasive with catch and kill being

highly encouraged, recent studies have shown that snakeheads are simply another apex level predator that competes with bass versus a predator destroying ecosystems. With their abilities to survive for extended periods without water and low level oxygen waters, they are an incredibly hardy fish. As a gamefish, they fight harder than bass and have an attraction to topwater lures. On the table, they rival the taste of cobia steaks and can be accurately described as chicken tender texture. Personally, I can name a whole list of seafood that surpass \$15 a pound and still secondary to the taste of snakehead.

Day 1: With dismal numbers of striped bass in the Chesapeake Bay, I decided this was to time to go for snakeheads instead. I drove up to MD and stopped by Anglers Sportcenter in Annapolis. I met up with their Alex Perez, the local snakehead expert of the shop. He gave me a short list of lures to throw and areas to launch my

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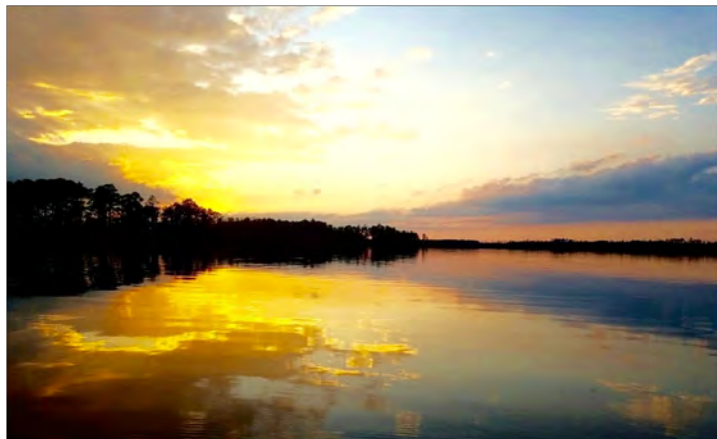
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kayak. I ended up buying a pack of 5 inch Bass Assassin paddeltails, screw lock spinner blades, and a Mepps #3 inline spinner. Some of these launch sites are simply public land where the road meets the water. As for structure, ignore wood and focus on grass. If you think it is too shallow, cast anyways. My starting lineup consisted of 3 rods - 2 baitcasters and 1 spinner. I rigged up a white paddletail on a weightless swimbait hook with the screw in spinner blade by the tail on one rod and the Mepps Spinner on another. For the third rod, I put a popping cork and 2/0 hook to fish with a live minnow.



On the first day I went to public launch area and starting working the grasslines before sunrise. I kept spooking fish. Later that day, I learned that I was just spooking carp. Fifteen minutes into the trip, I saw a swirl on the surface about a yard from where my lure was. Sure enough, I felt my line moving sideways. I retrieved the slack and slammed the hookset. A snake-like appears and the surface. After some serious thrashing, I had my first snakehead in the net! It was a decent 21 incher. That fish came off a grassy point. Since I had miles of shoreline to work, I concluded that I should focus on the points. I would cast and forget about my minnow rig, then fan-cast the point with my paddletail setup. Thirty minutes later, I see a swirl and felt my line twitching. After letting the fish feed for a second or two, I set the hook and quickly landed the fish. For much of the day, I was fishing in 1-2 feet of murky, coffee- colored water. Ten yards down that same stretch of shoreline, I landed another snakehead. While I was busy working my lure, my float disappears. With the float underwater and line going sideways, I just reeled. This 4th fish turned out to be a smaller 16 inches. I had another live bait hit that shook the hook off. At this point, it was late morning and I could not get another bite on the lure. On my way back to the ramp, I worked more grassy points with 0 success. Nevertheless, I went 4/5 during my first attempt of snakehead fishing.



Day 2: I headed out to another area of Blackwater Refuge.

Although I was told that I needed to go at least 2 miles away from the ramp to catch fish, I fished the first stretch of grass that appeared fishy. I had white perch hitting my live minnows, but didn't get a snakehead. Also, snakeheads feed on white perch. Therefore, it was evident that snakeheads were not in the area. I eventually went up a long cut bay area and found the mouth of a agricultural drainage ditch. I thought it was pretty far up and away from the ramp. I threw a Bust Em' Baits Jerkshad rigged with a screw in spinner on a 4/0 Owner Swimmbait Hook towards the grassline. As anticipated, I felt my line moving on its own. I look down and saw a black line 8 feet away from my kayak by my lure. It was a nice snakehead! As hard as I set the hook, it didn't move the fish. This fish started thrashing and jumping on the surface. After multiple attempts, I was able to net this quality 27 inch snakehead.

Despite the excitement, it was the only hit of the day. Sometimes, you have to make the one count!



With snakeheads having bony mouths, a quality hook and powerful hookset are essential. Also, the fight does not end until the fish is dead in the cooler. They will have a second round of thrashing on deck. On my way back, I was able to get a fellow fisherman to get another picture. - Brian Tsai



### 13-14 July: Second Weekend of Snakeheads

Day 1: I had so much fun the prior weekend with snakeheads, I decided to do it again. Because of my duty rotation, only half of my weekends do not involve working. Therefore, I will take full advantage of every duty-free and decent weather weekend. I told myself that I will not bother with live bait. It is a pain to pull the Flow-Troll Bucket on and off the kayak in between fishing stops, plus minnows only yielded small snakeheads during the previous trip. I hit Backwater area early Saturday evening and paddled about two miles before starting to fish. I worked an area with a topwater frog and soft plastic jerkbait with no luck. I threw a 1/4 Zman Chatterbait rigged with a 4 inch paddletail along the same grassline and had big thump. This snakehead was hooked and simply swam towards the kayak. As soon as my net went into the water, the fight began. It jumped out of my net in the kayak, but stayed hooked. On the second attempt, with my legs sandwiching the net, I was finally able to land this 30 incher and string it onto my stringer.



I moved on to another area based on the logic that larger snakeheads must be territorial. I haven't asked this question to the more experienced

snakeheads angler, but I rather cover more water anyways. Somewhere down the stretch, I worked the grasslines with a Booyah Pad Crasher hollow-body frog. My frog was danging off a reed with its skirt barely touching the water when I saw nose come poking out of the water. As soon as my lure hit the water, I see a big splash. It missed! On the second attempt, I felt my line gained a life of its own. Time to set the hook! This fish went straight for a nearby stump. Luckily, I had 30# braid and was in a kayak. I paddled over and lifted the fish out of the stump and into my net. It was a quality 28 incher! This would be the second and final fish of the evening. A citation fish on my third outing....not too bad!

#### Day 2:


I launched at a popular shoreline spot sometime about 5:30 am in the morning. To my disappointment, there comes a jonboat decked out with lights and gigging spears. Let's not get into my opinion of spearfishing and gigging..... I figured this crew scared all the fish away. I asked them how they did and they told me they got loads of flounder. I didn't believe them. I figured I better go a good distance before I start fishing.

Somewhere half a mile or so away, I start working the grassline of a bay area with the frog. I threw my frog past a point and over some tall grass. On the 4th twitch, I get a hit and felt my line move. With a powerful hookset swing, I see a nice fish on the move. With a powerful hookset swing, I see a nice fish on the surface. This fish was nice 26 incher! Not too far away from that point, I get another hit deep into shoreline cover and yanked out a 22 incher. I moved on to another area that was about 8 inches deep. I had a hit on my jerk shad, but the fish kept swimming towards me and I never managed a second hookset. A yard away



from my kayak, the hook comes flying back at me. You win some and lose some! In that same area, I hear a snorting pop on the surface. Having been told that snakeheads snort to breathe in area, I figured there has to be a fish there. Sure enough, I throw my frog towards that area and had a small 18 incher in my kayak a minute later. In the same bay, I would get 3 more topwater hits. However, none resulted in beinghook-ups and I couldn't get a bite neither the jerkbait nor the chatterbait. On my way back, I caught 2 smaller fish casting my chatterbait parallel to the grassline.

- Brian Tsai



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## A Tale of 3 Years or Déjà vu

On July 19, 2019 Nick Wright and I went Flounder fishing at the CBBT (3rd and 4th Island area). We spent 4.5 hours jigging during both outgoing and incoming tides. The winds were 12-15 mph coming out of the southwest which made it somewhat difficult to stay on a particular area for very long. The first 2 hours, we had 1 keeper and 1 throwback. During the slack tide and the beginning of incoming tide is when the fish turned on. During that time we picked up 7 keepers, one of which was 6 lbs 11 oz caught by Nick. Four of the keepers were 20-23 inches and 2 were 18 inches. The resulting catch is shown below.



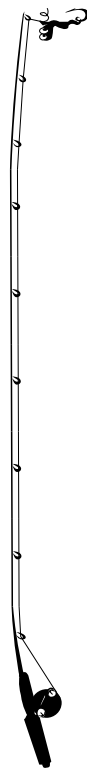
After Nick got home and started thinking about the catch, he came upon an incredible coincidence. He looked back over his previous fishing excursions and found that on both July 19, 2018 and July 19, 2017, we fished for flounder at the CBBT. On July 19, 2018, Nick caught the below 8 lb 6oz flounder plus we caught 6 more fatties.



On July 19, 2017 Nick, John Brown and I fished the CBBT. We each caught our limit of flounder. Several were in the 5 lb range.

So can you believe this incredible coincidence?!! Nick has already booked our trip to the CBBT on July 19, 2020 for more flounder fishing!! - Ned Smith



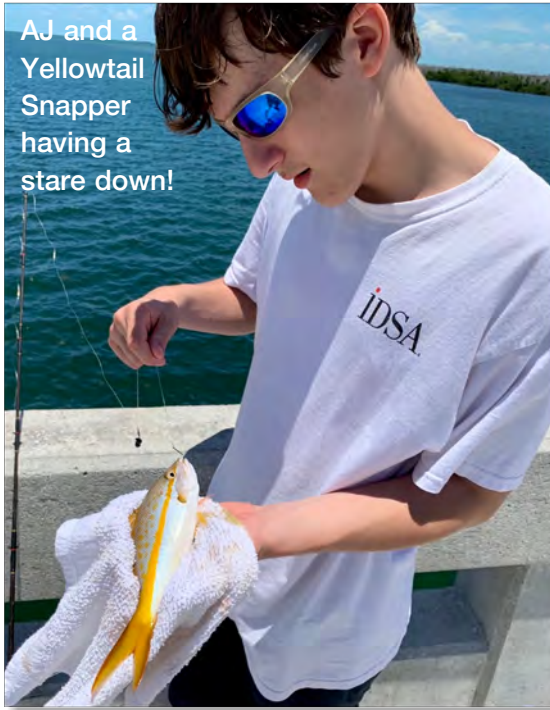


7 July: Sunday, another day with only a couple hours to fish. Mary, Kait, Peggy (a friend of Kait's) and I headed to the 3rd Island hoping to repeat last weeks catch of Spadefish. There were a lot more boats this week and after spending 20 minutes getting the anchor to catch we settled into some slow fishing. For about the first hour we did not even see anyone catch a fish. Then the tide started to change and we picked up 2, a small one that went back and a 5 pounder which I got on a very light fresh water rod/reel I brought with me just to try. It was a blast. We only saw 2 other fish caught but they both looked like nice fish, Unfortunately, about the time the bite started we had to head in. - Henry Troutner

27 July: We tore up the fish and crabs at Pretty Lake near Vinings Marina! - Louis Glaser with Cat Shafer, from Facebook







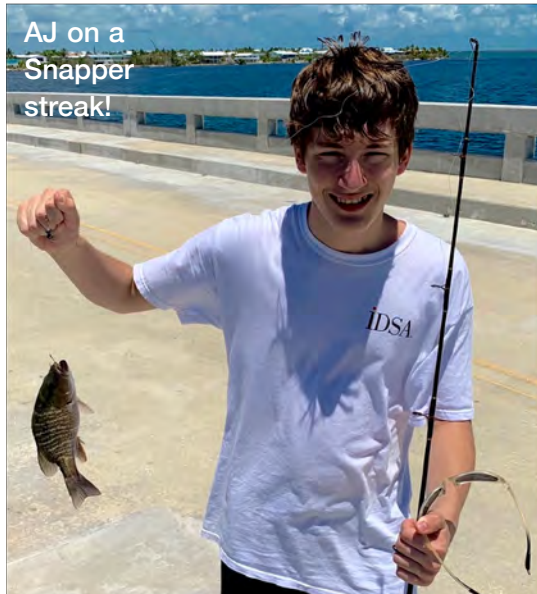
AJ and a Yellowtail Snapper having a stare down!

I flew to Florida during the week to pick up AJ. While I was there, my Parents, my Nephew, and AJ took a trip down to the Florida Keys. On Tuesday, July 16, 2019 we fished on a bridge located in Tom's Harbor Key on a incoming tide. We used frozen Glass Minnows as bait on Gamakatsu 1/0 circle hooks. First fish of the morning was a Nurse Shark my Father hooked that thankfully released itself by chewing through the 20 pound test leader. Next up was a Mangrove Snapper



Mangrove Momma!

caught by Mom. Action was slow, a full Moon didn't help so we packed up and decided to move to Big Pine Key where you'll find the infamous No Name Bridge. The tide was now out going and everyone began catching fish drifting bait with the tide. Species caught were Mangrove, Schoolmaster, Yellowtail Snapper, French Grunts, Bermuda Chub and even a small Moray Eel. We fished a few hours more and quit once the wind picked up. - Alex Perez



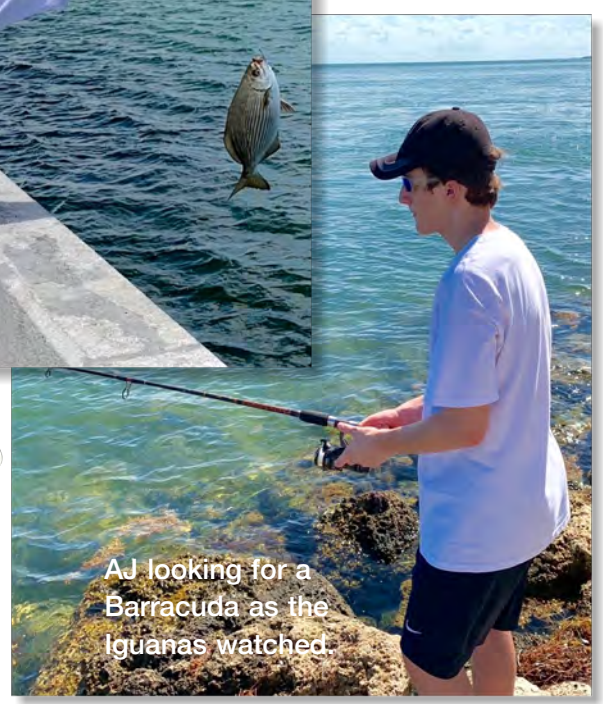
AJ on a Snapper streak!



AJ and a Bermuda Chub. Grand Dad in the background.



The Cousins having fun!



AJ looking for a Barracuda as the Iguanas watched.

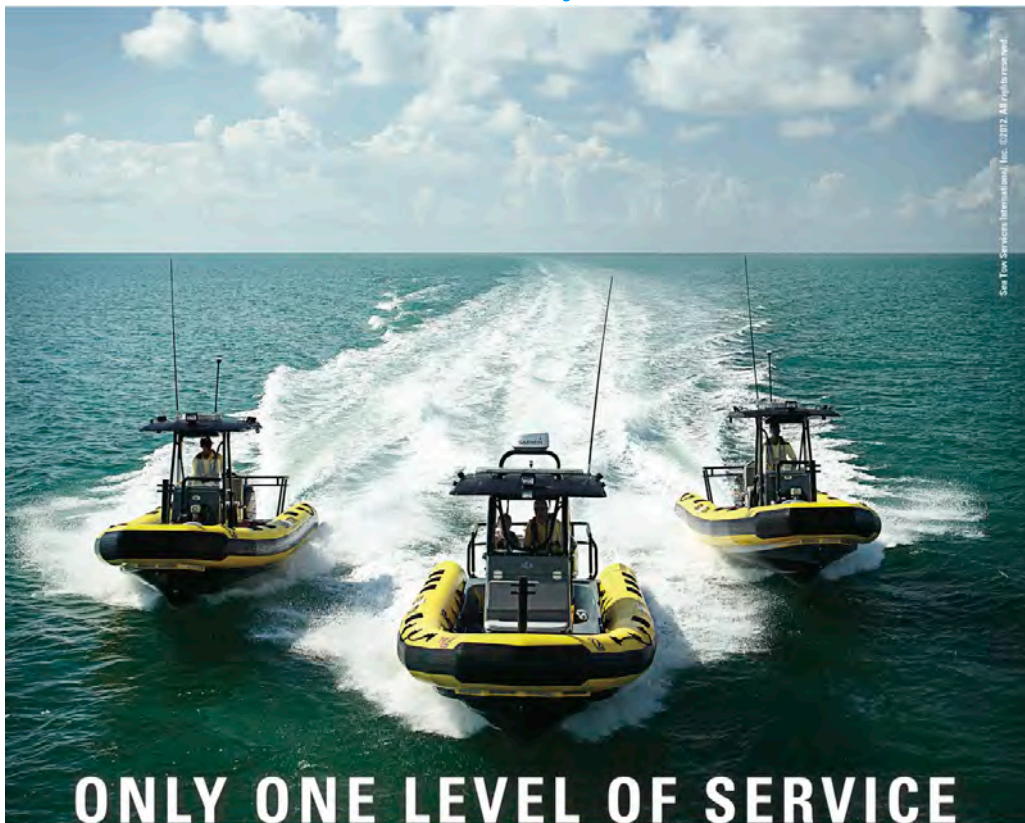
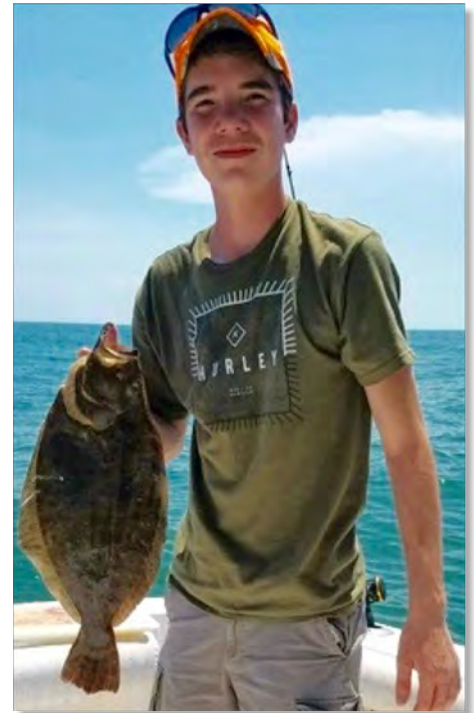


Angela Adams her brother Michael and I (Mike Hubert) went to UP Michigan for an Adams family get together. We didn't take any fishing gear with us but bought some cheapy stuff from the Walmart in Houghton since we decided to fish some once we got there. We caught some small Northern pike (22" or so) some yellow perch and a sunfish. we fished two mornings in Portage lake. We were using spoons, panther martins and night crawlers on small #6 hooks right at the boat ramp near Chassel Mi. We had a good time and saw some really cool stuff while there too!

- Mike Hubert

13 July: I took my neighbor Cliff, his son in law Moose and 2 grandsons Cameron and Kaeden fishing. It was a trip planned to celebrate **Cameron's birthday**. We started off trolling for Spanish and after catching a couple them and a couple small bluefish, I had enough of catching fish that didn't pull as hard as the sinkers used to catch them. For the life of me I don't see the attraction to catching Spanish. Anyway, we then moved out to the tower reef and drifted for flounder. They ended up with 4 keepers, 17" to 22" of which Cameron, the birthday boy, caught 3. Bait was small whole squid & minnows on red or green bucktails.

- Henry Troutner



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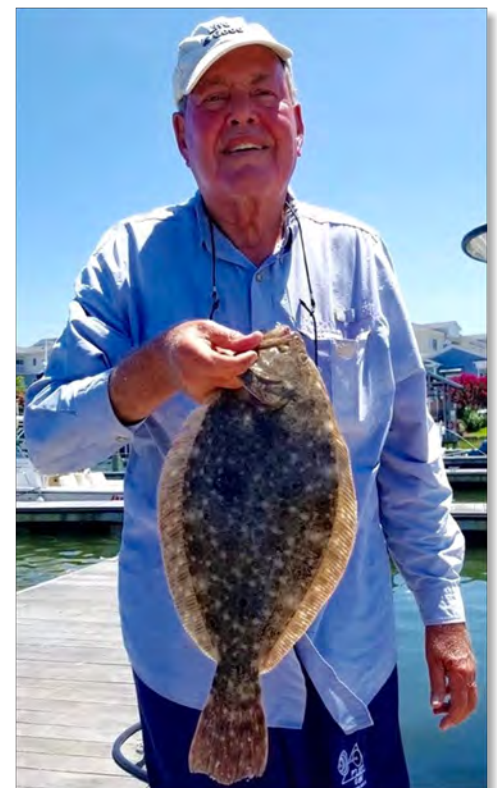
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9 July: I fished with James Ike Eisenhower on a Tuesday morning in Little Creek. We were going for spot and croaker. We decided to go for flounder using a 1/4 rubber jig with strip of croaker. We ended up with this 19" flounder. We also had a dozen nice spot and croaker.  
- Louis Glaser





**16 July: Spanish Smackdown:** This Spanish bite along the oceanfront has been going on for five weeks since I last took my kayak out there. As predicted with a high tide near sunset, it was epic. For those familiar to fishing the Southeast- NC, SC, and FL, the Spanish mackerel were blitzing like mullet jumping across the surface. They are feeding on bat anchovies and small threadfin herring. My top choice lure is a 3/4 oz Big Nic Spanish Candy. They are similar to Sting Silvers, but have better finishes, better hardware, better action, and similar price. They are made in Wilmington area of North Carolina by "Big Nic" Nicanthony Coptsias. Unfortunately, one has to either order them online or go to NC tackle shops to get them. Ocean's East, please fix this problem. I rig them with 3' of 50# mono leader to my 15# braid mainline. The method is simple: go out of Rudee and look for birds or fish jumping. Cast towards the fish and reel at a moderately fast speed. Once you hook a fish, keep the rod tip up to prevent bite-offs. Cast, hook, unhook, and repeat.

40 Spanish mackerel and bluefish later.....I have since landed another dozen or so fish with this lure on the right.

I kept 7 Spanish and

released about 2 dozen. I kept the ones that didn't require measuring (16 inch+). The fish were so thick that a fellow kayaker had a 23 inch jump into his kayak. If you caught bluefish, you were fishing too deep or too slow. Some of the skiffs nearby also switch over the casting metal jigs. I switched to single hooks because it is easier to unhook fish and fish tend to stay hooked. I have done five of these evening kayak oceanfront trips and could limited out all but once. I don't know how long this epic bite is going to last, but I plan to enjoy it while I can. - Brian Tsai



**27 July:** I went fishing with Russell and his friend Darryl out of Crab Creek. Our first target of the day was flounder fishing over the Baltimore Channel. Only Russell got a flounder a 19 1/2 inch during the current turnover. The outgoing current was extremely fast because of the new moon so we headed to the 14 mile post for cobia. I got a 37 inch cobia that was tagged. Russell got two southern rays and a 41inch cobia that went in the box. When the current finally settled down we went back to flounder fishing and I got a 16 1/2 inch. Russell had a big one on but it got off before we could net him. Then the wind started shifting to the east which made fishing underneath the bridge difficult to say the least. We had live mullet that we netted in the creek, jigs and flounder belly for bait. It was very comfortable on the water with the breeze, about 10 miles an hour.



Back at the ramp we found a mess of boats waiting to get their boats on trailers and it took us over an hour and a half to finally get out of that place. I don't think we'll ever fish out of that ramp on a weekend again in the summer. - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower







28 July: I fished 3rd Island with nephew Kevin, son Austin and his friend Ben Anderson. It was a long day to catch 5 flounders. They were all caught jigging with cobia belly.

- Louis Glaser



29 July: I finally found the puppy drum in the inlet. I tagged nine but had no keepers, but at least I had enough to target. I finished all my spots at the first island. No takers, I only had oyster toads. I came inside the inlet and caught this big boy on my first drop.

- James Robinson



29 July: I fished with my nephew Austin and Tyler Lyne at the CBBT for flounder. We ended up with 4 nice fish. The largest was 23 inches. They were all caught on tandem rigs with cobia belly. - Louis Glaser



6 July: I took a day to go the Reedsville Point to the beach for a few hours.

- Bert Sainz

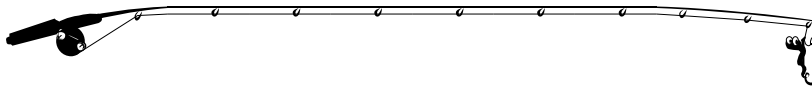




14 July: Catch your limit..... start tagging..... it was a fun morning. There's some quality flounder at the bridge and inshore wrecks, my recommendation would be to take advantage of the morning flood this week and hit your favorite holes on the bridge or head to an inshore wreck. We caught fish on both tides but the flood seems to be better.  
- Mike Griffith



20 July: We had a two man limit at the High Rise on a nice morning. We had lot's of shorts and toadfish, so take plenty of bait when you go fishing! There were plenty of bluefish there also. I still recommend fishing the flood.  
- Mike Griffith





# Angler Interests

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## Norfolk Anglers Club Food Drive.....We never stop collecting



**Foodbank**  
of Southeastern Virginia  
and the Eastern Shore

The Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore was pleased to receive the non-perishable food items we've been collecting at the meetings. As a club, we can certainly do more for those who could use our help.

Items always in need; Lean Canned Protein (Peanut Butter, Tuna, Chicken, Turkey, Beans), Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Fruit Preserves and Dried Fruit, Whole Grains (Pasta, Oatmeal, Rice, Crackers), Other Meals (Stew, Boxed Meals, Canned Pasta), and Baby Products (Formula, Baby Food, Diapers, and Wipes).

We'll have a box for your donations at the door. So take a moment while you're out shopping to pick up a few of the items and bring them to the meeting. We'll take care of getting them to the Food Bank. Thank You for all you've contributed so far.

## Virginia Safe Boating Courses available



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over the past several years; and by July 1, 2016, all operators (regardless of age) of PWCs (personal watercraft such as jet skis, Sea Doos, and Wave Runners) and operators (regardless of age) of motorboats with a motor of 10 horsepower or greater will be required to have a boating safety education course completion card on board when operating a PWC or motorboat.

### Course Information as of August 30th;

- Tidewater Community College, 1700 Community College Place, Lynnhaven Building, Virginia Beach, VA 23453  
Room: Room #141. This is an 8 hours course taught over four evenings. (8 of 15 seats available)

Tuesday, August 6, 2019	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday, August 8, 2019	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday, August 13, 2019	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursday, August 15, 2019	6:00pm - 8:00pm

- Crown Plaza Hotel, 4453 Bonney Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, Room: Truman Room  
This is an 8 hour course taught over two evenings. (8 of 15 seats available)

Monday, August 12, 2019	6:00pm - 9:30pm
Monday, August 19, 2019	6:00pm - 9:30pm

- Bass Pro Shops, 1972 Power Plant Parkway, Hampton, VA 23666 (15 of 25 seats available)  
Saturday, August 24, 2019 10:00am - 5:00pm



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