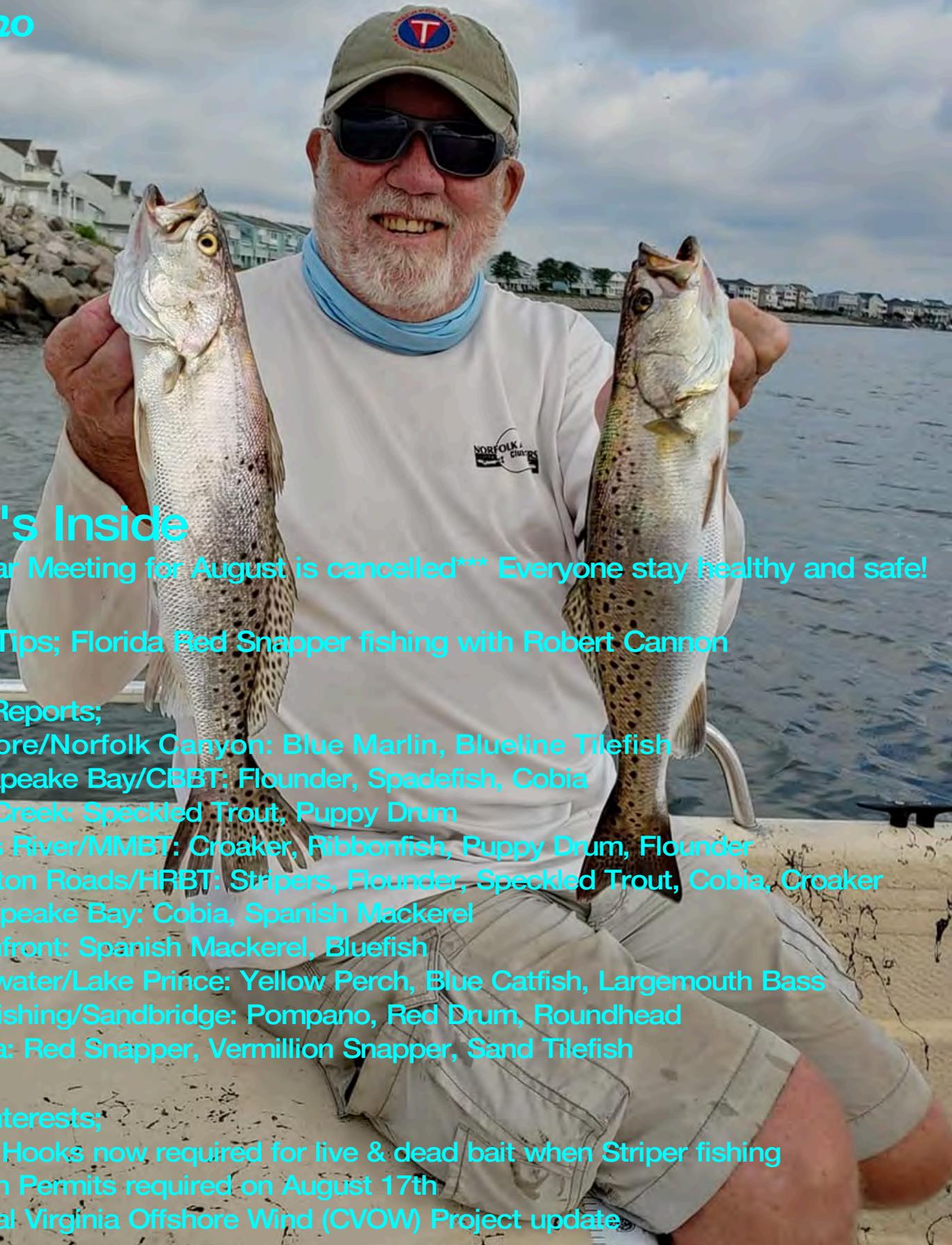


THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

WIRELINE

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Regular Meeting for August is cancelled Everyone stay healthy and safe!

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- Little Creek: Speckled Trout, Puppy Drum
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- Florida: Red Snapper, Vermillion Snapper, Sand Tilefish

Angler Interests;

- Circle Hooks now required for live & dead bait when Striper fishing
- Tilefish Permits required on August 17th
- Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) Project update

Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

With the resurgence of COVID19 in Virginia and Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill not expected to open, the Board of Directors has decided to avoid holding an August meeting. It was our expectation to get together however, we all need to remain safe and minimize the risk of catching and spreading this virus.

For our September meeting we're planning on putting it up on Zoom, a popular social video networking program. In the next few weeks, Wendy will contact you via email with information and the process to use the video networking program. She'll set up a few practice video conferences for those who would like to try it out before the meeting. Zoom is free to download and use at <https://zoom.us/>

We plan to run the meeting much as we've done in person and include a Guest Speaker.

The Anglers Interests section has the latest on the Offshore Wind project and the new requirement from VMRC to use non-offset, non-stainless steel circle hooks on Striped Bass if fishing with live or dead bait. For the Deep Droppers in the club, the requirement to have a federal Tilefish permit goes in effect on August 17th. You can apply online through NOAA but the permit won't be available until the 17th, when it will likely be emailed to you and forwarded via USPS. My understanding after communicating with the Greater Atlantic Region Fisheries Office is that permits should be available immediately online after August 17th.

- Will



On the Cover: Our own Norfolk Anglers Club Secretary Dr James "Ike" Eisenhower. Ike was fishing in Little Creek Inlet with Louis Glaser when they caught these nice Speckled Trout. Read their fishing report in this edition of the *Wireline*.

Meeting

Our next Club meeting is scheduled for September 14th will be a video networked meeting on Zoom

Important:
September NAC Meeting will be on Zoom

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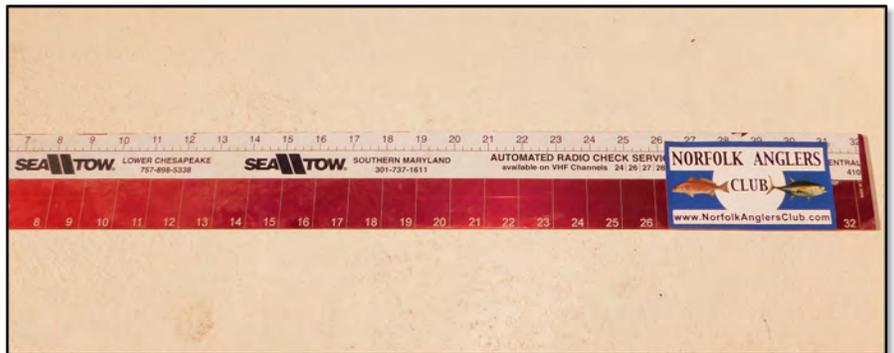


Norfolk Anglers Club - Redfish "Spots" Tournament

Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between March 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020
- Must have the Norfolk Anglers Club decal in the photo with the fish on a measuring device* showing the total length of the fish. See NAC Prize Fish Contest Rules for measuring info. *Entries received with decal and no measurement can only be judged by number of spots.
- Red Drum/Redfish up to 26 inches in length only and caught in Virginia and North Carolina waters
- Awards determined by 1st: number of Spots, 2nd: Largest Fish up to 26 inches, 3rd: Date of Catch
- Entries submitted on the Club Prize Fish Entry Form with photo (can be sent electronically to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)
- No entry fee except the cost of the decal (\$1)
- \$50 Gift Card to the 1st Place Angler, \$25 Gift Card for the 2nd Place Angler and presented at the Club Holiday Party in December

***Entries received as of July 31, 2020; Bert Sainz (2)



Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries January 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020

Freshwater		Saltwater	
Species	Name (#Entries)	Species	Name (#Entries)
Blue Catfish	Mary Troutner (1)	Shark	Greg Rogers (1)
	James Eisenhower (1)		
Largemouth Bass	James Eisenhower (1)	Blueline Tilefish	James Eisenhower (2)
	Russel Willoughby (1)		
Crappie	James Eisenhower (3)		

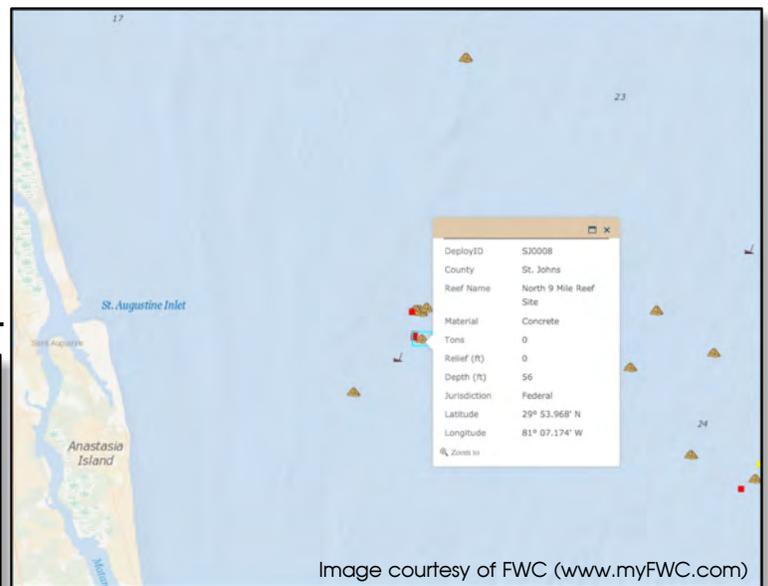
****Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Saltwater) or Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (Freshwater) Citation paperwork or the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish entry form may be submitted to James "Ike" Eisenhower at the regular meetings or send via email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com



Florida Red Snapper Fishing with Robert Cannon

Red Snapper fishing can be an exciting and rewarding trip during a visit to the Sunshine State. Snapper fishing; Red Snapper, Vermillion Snapper, Mutton Snapper, and Mangrove Snapper fisheries are found in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic waters around Florida. Regulations can be difficult to understand and they vary greatly between the Gulf/Atlantic and State/Federal waters. It's always best to carefully review the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) regulations (State waters) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) regulations (Federal waters) before venturing out.

Florida maintains an exceptional artificial reefing program consisting of building materials, vessels, and man-made reef structures around the state. Visiting the FWC website at <https://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/> will provide a wealth of information for fresh/saltwater fishing regulations, acquiring fishing licenses, management initiatives, and artificial reef locations around the state. Anglers may use the Interactive Map Viewer or download PDF and Excel files of all the state's artificial reef locations.



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Home > Fishing > Saltwater Fishing > Artificial Reefs > locate

Download Reef Locations

- Interactive Map Viewer
- PDF List
- Excel List
- Shapefile and KML

Pursuant to Section 379.249, F.S., FWC is required to track all artificial reef development state-wide. As a requirement of an artificial reef permit, the permittee must submit a material placement report form for each date of deployment or separate deployment location. The FWC Artificial Reef Program uses this form to update the statewide artificial reef database, which is why they request that all deployed material is verified and information accurate during submittal.

Please note: Reef materials can move, degrade, or become buried over time. There are reef locations in the database that are based on historical data or have potential location inaccuracies that have not yet been verified since their deployment.

If you have updated information regarding the condition or location of an artificial reef please contact the FWC Artificial Reef Program at ArtificialReefDeployments@MyFWC.com. Image courtesy of FWC (www.myFWC.com)

With the necessary licenses and knowledge of where to fish, Here's some tips and techniques I use to target snapper.

The best time to fish Red Snapper is early morning and late afternoon, that's just after sunrise and before sunset. During the off/closed season, the most most productive time for catch & release is April. The added benefit is it's great catching and not blistering hot and humid either. Remember to use good catch & release practices, which include handling the fish in the

water, using non-offset circle hooks (required), and proper descending techniques. Properly venting a fish or using a descending device like the SeaQualizer will ensure the fishery is around for many generations.

Catching up a good number of live bait is important at the onset of the trip. You'll be surprised how fast hungry Snappers will devour your baitfish. One of my "go-to" live bait fishing spots is the Nine Mile Reef (pictured above). There's two parts to it, the North and the South. There's plenty of Pinfish and Grunts to catch. We'll use single rigs with small hooks or tie on Sabiki rigs with their multiple hooks and bring up 3-5 bait fish at a time. We'll also bring along an assortment of dead bait. Frozen squid (large and baby squid), cigar minnows, and mackerel. You don't want to rely on a single bait type so bring along an number of baits and try them all until you're dialed in on what catches the best.



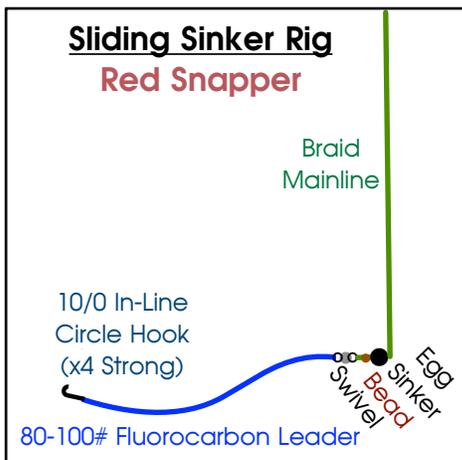
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Fishing Tips...

My choice of rods/reels varies depending on whether we're fishing deep and the type of snapper we're targeting. Snapper fishing offshore (federal waters) averages 90-140 feet of water so line capacity isn't really a factor. Fishing for the smaller Vermillion Snapper, it's an anglers choice of what they want to crank with. A Penn Senator 4/0 or 6/0 reel works fine paired with a Penn Rampage® Jigging Rod. Monofilament 20-50# and Braid 30-65# is all you need to work with for all the snapper species. The exception is the big Red Snapper. For those I prefer using my Penn International 80w on an IGFA 80 roller guide rod. Red Snapper have a wide and powerful tail. The second they sense something isn't right they'll power into the rocks and you'll break off. Fluorocarbon leader 80-100# for the larger snapper is common, but it still won't hold up to the rocks and limestone ledges. Catching large Red Snapper requires you to keep the bait, live bait preferred, off the bottom about 10 feet. That 10 feet gives you the advantage to initially fight the fish and keep it off the bottom and away from cover.

We prefer using either a Sliding Sinker Rig or a Fishfinder rig for snapper fishing. For the larger Red Snapper you're rigging to a 10/0 In-Line Circle Hook snelled to a 3-6 ft fluorocarbon leader. Sinker weights much depend on bottom current but can be 12-16 ounces. I always anchor up on a portion of reef that looks good so holding the bottom is important to avoid tangles with other lines or snagging the rocks. Another rig is the Fishfinder rig with a sliding sinker clip. This is a good rig for multiple snapper species in varying current conditions. Sinkers can easily be swapped out without having to re-tie the rig. For the smaller snapper species, like Vermillion, use smaller hooks. Likewise, if you're fishing in state water where Red Snapper don't get as large, downsize your leader weight and hooks. Offshore at the Continental Shelf and some of the reefs at 33 nm off St Augustine, you'll have to use the heavier tackle on the Red and Mangrove Snapper.



Live bait is hooked through the upper portion of the fish as shown. Bait size is your choice but remember, large Red Snapper have no problem devouring a 9 inch Grunt.

Dead bait, like a 4-5 inch cigar minnow are hooked through the eyes with the tail clipped off. To keep the bait on the circle hook after repeated hits, place a piece of squid on the hook after running the hook through the eyes. The squid will help keep the the hook from working back through the cigar minnow's eyes.



Fishing Reports...

26 July: I fished aboard my boat with club members George Grinnan and Greg Rogers and friend Kennedy Daniels. We went offshore towards Norfolk Canyon and started trolling about 10 miles west of the canyon. We had an immediate bite from false albacore and nothing out to the canyon.

We went ahead and deep dropped for tilefish and made a good catch of blueline tilefish. We started trolling again and hooked a gaffer that came off boat side.



Not long after we hooked a large blue Marlin over the deepest part off the canyon which took so much line so quickly, I had to chase it with the boat. After a few big jumps and tearing off about a half mile of line it came loose. No other bites until we picked up to come home

- Jackson B. Salvant Jr., M.D.



4 July: Bert and I headed out of Little Creek around 6:30 am for a flounder trip at the CBBT 3rd and 4th Islands. We saw over 60 boats anchored around both islands fishing for spadefish with bobbers everywhere. The water was clear and 82 degrees. The wind was light, and we had an outgoing tide with a slow current. Both of us were jigging 3 oz. jig heads with cobia or flounder belly on the hooks. Within 4 hours, we picked up 8 nice flounder, the largest was 22." After the catch we headed back to the dock.

- Ned Smith





5 July: Louis and I went flounder fishing with Bert. We left the dock at 6:30 am and went to the 3rd island on the CBBT. All of us were jigging with 3oz. jig heads with pieces of cobia and flounder belly. We caught 10 17" to 22" flatties and Louis filled the net with a 28 inch, 7.10 pounds flounder.



The wind picked up and the water got choppy when the Big Boy decided to strike. Louis and Bert were having panic attacks hooking and netting the Big Boy while I was on the other side of the boat oblivious to the action. Needless to say we were all excited with the outcome. - Ned Smith

17 July: I sold my 31 Cabo and was given a 20 Shamrock which had been sitting for a couple years and needed some TLC. Mary and I did get out with John last week so below is the report. Mary and I fished with John Curry and Troy Lane at the M / M Bridge Tunnel. Although another ungodly hot day we did manage to catch a few. We caught several croakers which were released then Mary caught a Ribbonfish but Troy was the lucky guy catching a nice Puppy Drum and scoring with a 20" flounder. - Henry Troutner



17 July: St Augustine, Florida: I was invited to fish with a friend off the North Florida coast on his 28ft Pro Line during the brief federal 4-day Red Snapper season.



We departed out of the St. Augustine public boat ramp before sunrise. I realize it's only a 4-day fishing season and the weather was great but what I saw at the ramp surprised me. It was early and the large parking area was nearly full and boats were launching six at a time. It was crazy, but an organized chaos! Robert, our Captain, then told me it's always like this when there's a Kingfish tournament. After quickly clearing the ramp we navigated the channel, around the shoals, and into open water.

Our first stop was the 9 mile reef for bait fish. We dropped baited Sabiki rigs for pinfish and grunts, when we had a few dozen live bait in the live well, we headed to deeper water. During the day we moved around on various natural ledges approximately 35 nm offshore. We fished off St Augustine as well as travelling further north about half way toward Jacksonville. Fishing was in generally 90 feet of water on limestone ledges and natural breaks.

Most of the fishing during the day was using cigar minnows and baby squid for bait. We caught our limit (5 per person) of Vermillion Snapper, a smaller snapper species and Mangrove Snapper. During the day, we also caught a few Red Snapper but our Captain had us vent the fish and release telling us "We'll catch and keep those later."



Late in the afternoon we found ourselves at the Prop Ledge, a well-known spot 33nm off the coast. I was fishing my Shimano Trevala jigging rod (80-200# line class) and a Torium 30 reel throughout the day. I had no problem with the class of fish we boated...up to now. I then saw Robert bring out a Penn International 80w with an IGFA 80 roller guide rod. I teased him about the "Bluefin Tuna Rig" he was preparing and he just said "Never fished for Red Snapper? You'll see...".



Too Small,
Vent
&
Release

I was the second to bring in a Red Snapper on cigar minnows. Fishing on the bottom with a fish finder rig, I was thrilled with the Snapper I caught, even if it was going to be the only one I could keep. Then Robert calmly said "Vent and release that one too". He added "We're just getting warmed up, when the sun gets a bit lower we'll draw out the big Snapper".

For the next hour or so the fight I was getting off the bottom was getting more intense, I kept breaking off in the rocks. My 80# Flourocarbon leader would come back scratched and nicked up. I was retying a new leader after almost every fight until Robert recommended: "Come off the bottom and don't let the fish take line." He added: "The big snapper will head right for the rocks and break you off every time."

Robert was fishing the opposite side of the boat with his "Bluefin Tuna Rig" when I heard him say "There's one." I turned and saw his rod bent over hard and him fighting the fish off the bottom. I was thinking he'd been "sharked" watching his rod bend. However, once he boated this nice, just under 30# Red Snapper, I was stunned. This was a BIG fish! He was fishing live bait ten feet off the bottom and then recommended I switch up and try live bait. Robert's monster Red Snapper was the first keeper on the boat and the top fish of the day. To give perspective, Robert is 6'6" tall (Photo right).

He showed me the large and powerful muscular tail and explained the snapper use it to head straight for cover when hooked: "The large fish will always break off if they get in the rocks."

Soon all five of us were hooking into the big fish. As predicted, the sun as getting lower and the big fish were feeding.



There were a lot of "firsts" on this trip for me. My first Vermillion Snapper and Red Snapper. I also saw my first Sand Tilefish. They're long and narrow compared to the tiles we catch off our coast, have a similar gold tone but not speckled like the Golden Tiles. Steve caught this one on cut bait and a "Carolina Rig". Sand Tilefish have the same delicious firm white meat we're familiar with Blueline and Golden Tiles.



So now I have the hang of this Red Snapper fishing, I've seen it, done it, and I think I'm set for the "big one." I began live baiting and brought in some respectable 20# snappers but they were tough to land. My Trevala rod was bent over 180 degrees, so far the braid was cutting my thumb on the foregrip. My drag was max'd out at 33 pounds and these fish would still make a power run and taking line toward the rocks if you didn't stay on them. It was getting late and we had one more fish to put in the box. I netted the largest bait I could get, about a 9in grunt, hooked it onto my 10/0 circle hook and dropped it 10 feet off the bottom.

After a few minutes I could feel the live bait freaking out at the end of the line and knew a large Red Snapper was about to take my bait. Eventhough I was ready for it, I was surprised by the hit and the power of the fish. Clearly, it was my largest of the day, it fought hard. I initially focused on not letting it take more than 10 feet of line and get in the rocks. I was rewarded with a really nice Red Snapper, thanks to Robert's coaching and advice.



The catch for the day was a limit of Red Snappers and Vermillion Snappers, a Mangrove Snapper, a Sand Tilefish, and a whole lot of fun. Along for the day was Robert, our Captain, Jen, Steve, and Robert's Son Matthew.

Many Thanks to Robert for inviting me along. I learned lots and had a great time! - Will Bransom





25 July: Mike Burton and I got out for just a couple hours Saturday morning on his boat, which is ideally set up for maneuvering amongst bridge pilings. We were targeting flounder and brought home and enjoyed fresh flounder for dinner. Nothing too remarkable, except the first fish... a very healthy (and of course released) 26" striper. It went for a minnow on the bottom just downstream of a set of pilings with the ebb coming to an end ... and as you can see, dead calm in the shadows of the HRBT. All in all, a short but absolutely enjoyable morning on the water. - Mike Davis

13 July: There was a nice class of pups yesterday in Lynnhaven. - James Robinson



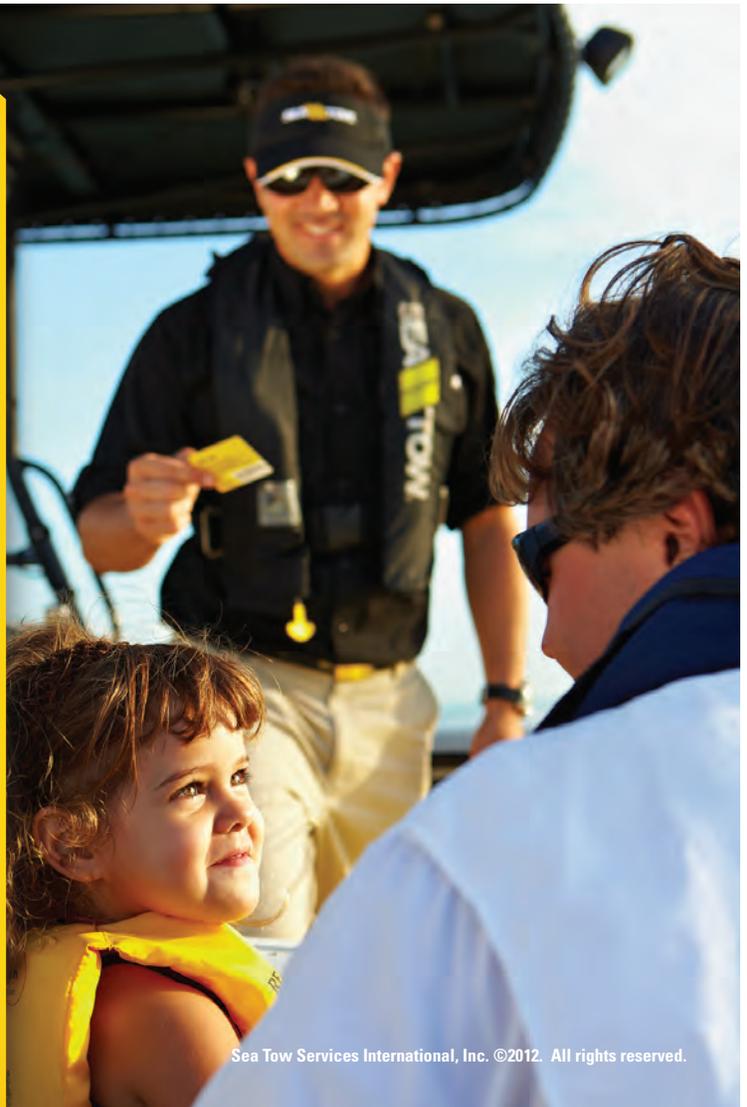
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13 July: Russell and I went fishing on Lake Prince early on a day that threatened rain, a low front was coming through. As soon as we got to the lake and started fishing, I started catching yellow perch. Most were keeper sized, this was the first time I'd caught some in the summer. Otherwise, this fish is usually a winter catch. They love shiners. After I had caught about a half of dozen, Russell got a big fish on one of his ultra-light rods, really had his hands full fighting this big one. When we finally saw what it was as he led it to the net, it was a blue catfish. It weighed 10lbs on my digital scale, it went into the box for me to eat. I love catfish. We moved around that area looking for bowfin but didn't find any. It was lightly sprinkling the whole morning, but then the sun came out and the bite stopped suddenly.



The heat increased with no wind after the front moved through, so we headed to the shade of the overhanging trees. They surrounded the lake especially where the water was at least 10 feet deep. We started looking for shellcrackers. After trying several new spots, we settled into some familiar places. I hooked a 3lbs 2 oz largemouth bass and Russell got a 7.5lbs blue catfish.

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The bass I caught actually bit on a bunch of red wigglers on a jig, hit as soon as I got the hook on the bottom underneath the boat. Exciting hook up and fight, but no jumps like we usually see bass do. Both of Russell's cats were caught on a floating jig with red wigglers on the hook. That was enough for us with the heat, it was the highest index that day, so we had had enough. Not real big fish, but catching most of the day made it fun, despite not catching our target species.

- Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower

18 July: AJ and I fished a set of pilings on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) just South of the third island. We were able to see the Spadefish grouped up around the down current side of the pilings. We had a few Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program tags to use up, so I let AJ catch the fish, and I would measure, tag, and release. The fish were in a frenzy, before we knew it, we had caught, and released, 31 Spadefish. We fished with frozen clams on the out going tide.



Hey, nice shirt!



Tagged Spadefish, about to be de-hooked and released.



Citation Spanish Mackerel

19 July: The next day on Sunday, I left Rudee Inlet early on a solo trip to the Tiger wreck with hopes of Flounder fishing. Before leaving the inlet, I searched Owl Creek for bait, ended up cast-netting a dozen Finger Mullet before heading to the wreck. The wind was a little more than I had anticipated, the 12-14 knot Southwest breeze made it a slower ride out. Once I arrived at the wreck, I was surprised to see four boats already there. I waited my turn to fall into line to drift over the wreck. With no bites, I didn't stay long and moved inshore towards Sandbridge beach.

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As I approached the area, I noticed many Spanish Mackerel breaking the surface. I put the boat in neutral and began live lining the Finger Mullet. Using a short 10 inch trace of #5 wire and a 4/0 short shank hook, I caught six Spanish with the largest one being a little over five pounds. Once out of bait, I ran back to the boat ramp to beat the crowds.

- Alex Perez

26 June: The Brooks family joined me out of Rudee Inlet, fishing our way South along the beach. We trolled three three lines, zig zagging from 20-35 feet of water. We had a Pink Clark Spoon on an in-line sinker, a 00 Drone Spoon on a #1 planer, and a green Clark Spoon in the middle, farther back. Fishing was slow until we found cleaner water, closer to Sandbridge/False Cape. We ended up with ten Spanish Mackerel (one being 26 inches), and two snapper Bluefish. - Alex Perez



Teamwork in action!



Nice Spanish!

27 June: The Miles Family and I left out of Lynnhaven Inlet, headed for the second island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT). A strong west wind limited us to only trolling two spoons along the bridge pilings and around the third island. After catching a dozen Spanish Mackerel, we set up on a set of pilings that has been good to me in the past. We waited to see if Spadefish would show up, after a few minutes, we discovered today wasn't the day. While working our way back down the pilings, we finished the day tagging and releasing a 35 inch Cobia caught on a 2 ounce bucktail jig. - Alex Perez



All cameras on Clarence!



12 July: Mike Burton and I tried our hand for Cobia at Latimer Shoals. There weren't a lot of other boats IVO Latimer ... only a couple others chumming and later in the day a number of sight casters. I didn't see anyone else catch anything. We had the first fish 38" in the boat at 7:00 am with a strong flood tide, but then proceeded to feed a number of sand sharks. When the current shifted, we relocated to the SE end of Latimer and did pick up a 42" keeper Cobia there. We did end up probably a dozen sharks along with the two cobia. Both cobia were caught with butterflied bunker on the bottom and the more expensive eels served as shark food! We also caught a number of croaker and tried them on floats and the bottom too. However, we ended up with a lot of body-less fish heads with live bait.

We broke off about 1:30 pm to try for some flounder amongst the CBBT bridge pilings. By the time we got there, the ebb current was so strong. It was far too much work with no payback, in a short time. We broke off and headed for the barn. Stay safe! - Mike Davis

6 July: I fished with Bert Sainz on his boat with Ned Smith targeting flounder. We ended up with 7 keepers with the largest weighing 7 lbs 10 oz. It was 28" long. Our choice of baits were tandem jigs baited with Cobia belly. - Louis Glaser



16 July: I fished with Bert Sainz in the morning targeting flounder at the CBBT. It started pretty good with us catching 2 flounders until the east wind started blowing. The largest weighed 7 1/2 lbs and was 27" long. Both were caught jigging a tandem rig with Cobia belly. The water temperature was 83 degrees, the depth was 47 ft. - Louis Glaser



6 July: I was joined by Wayne Bradby and Jim Baugh in search of spadefish and cobia. We went to the third island at 7:30 am and found the outgoing tide coming to an end. After anchoring and chumming with fresh clams, it seemed small Black Sea Bass were our only customers willing to show up. I decided to come back to spadefishing later, after the current picked up speed again. We decided to cruise the Baltimore Channel looking for Cobia. After almost two hours of searching, we came across one smaller fish that was not interested in the live eel or artificials we had to offer.

I started to cruise the bridge pilings where I spotted a few Spadefish, holding in the eddy of the current. Using clams, I positioned the boat so Wayne could cast up current, let the bait drift through the school. Jim stayed on the video camera, recording the action. The Spadefish bit well, but we lost three baits to every one fish. After catching enough for dinner, the wind picked up and we headed in.

- Alex Perez



Spadefish for dinner!



Wayne, and his Spadefish



19 July: We fished from Hampton with new friends Jim and Rob aboard Black Swan. We started trolling the north wall of Norfolk Canyon at 60 fathoms at 7:00 am, had 2 Marlin bites in the first hour. We had both jump off. Continued east to 500 fathoms and

had 2 more bites and released these marlin. Two more bites south of the canyon that came tight, but only briefly. Congratulations to Rob for his first marlin!

A great day bill fishing overall with a great crew! Unfortunately this guy took my spreader bar down to Davey Jones locker when he left.....

- Jackson B. Salvant Jr., M.D., F.A.A.N.S., F.A.C.S.





Tagged Flounder, ready for the release.

7 July: AJ and I fished the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) using Gulp Swimming Mullet on 1/4 ounce jig heads. Fishing the incoming tide around the pilings, we caught two Flounder up to 15 inches, a dozen Croaker, and two Speckled Trout up to 13 inches.

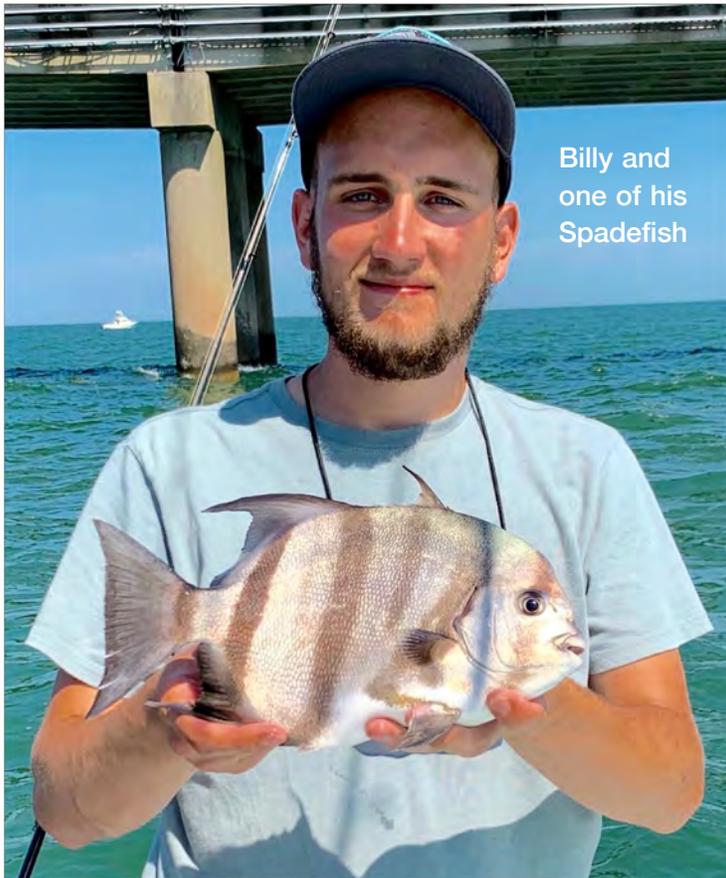


AJ's surprise Cobia, tagged and released

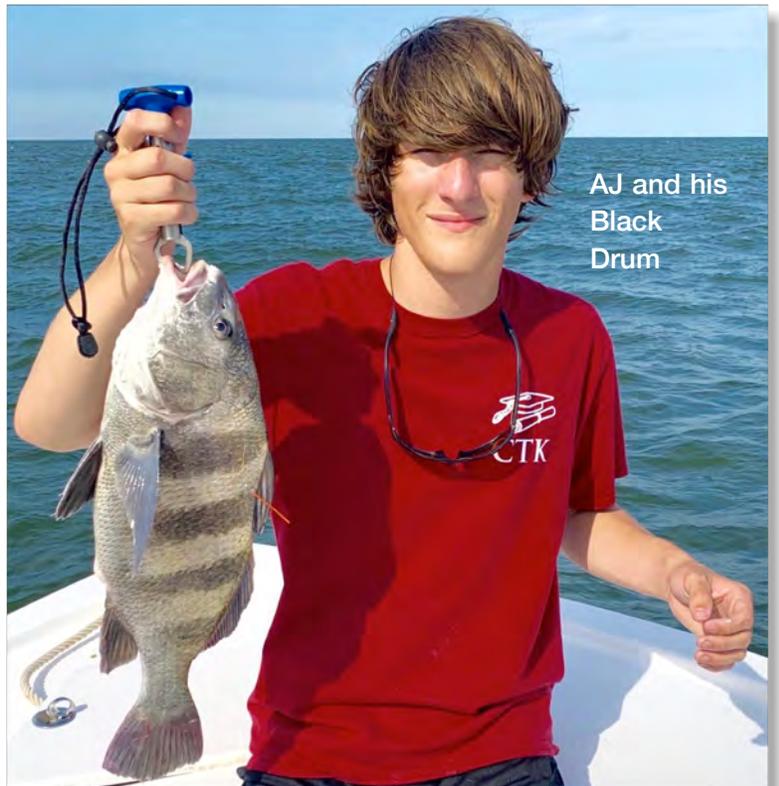


Tagged and released Black Drum.

We also caught a surprise 17 inches Cobia, that AJ caught on the bottom. All fish, minus the Croaker, were tagged and released for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program. - Alex Perez



Billy and one of his Spadefish



AJ and his Black Drum



6 July: Bert and I went out with Taylor to the 3rd and 4th islands flounder fishing.

We worked the pylons at both islands. All of us were jigging bucktails with flounder strips in light choppy water on an outgoing tide.

We limited out with 12 flounder. The biggest was 33.6 inches. We had a rough ride back to the dock. The wind was kicking up, a thunder storm was close by. All was good!

- Ned Smith



9 July: Another successful day of fishing! Went down to sandbridge to enjoy the ocean. Water was a beautiful green and clear. Storms and rain never showed up though they were always on the horizon. The wind increased throughout the day, it was straight in the face. The highlight of the day was certainly my 35 inch red drum! I caught it on a small sand flea out on the bar fishing for pompano. Other fish were scattered. Caught a few small roundhead and a dozen or so spot. Can't catch fish on the couch!



19 July: I took a break from flounder fishing. I fished with Taz at the Little Creek jetty going for puppy drum.

We ended up catching 4 puppy drum. All were caught on Mirror Lures .

Louis Glaser

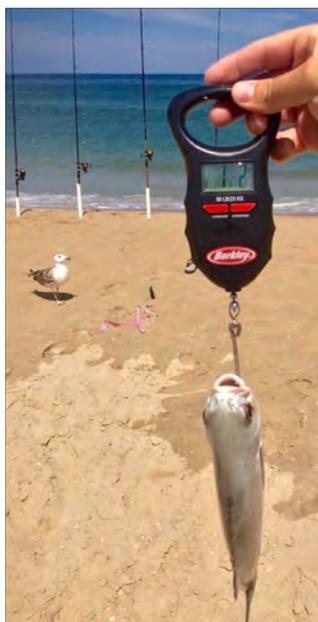


- Kelly Hoggard

27 July: Another day of fishing, another amazing catch! Went down to sandbridge today to enjoy the west winds and try for another pompano. Got TWO and one was a solid 18" that weighed in at 2 lb 4 oz. It is my 2nd largest so far this year. Still trying to find that monster. I did miss a handful of bites on my pompano rig. Need to figure out what was different this day than previous trips. Pompano wasn't the only fish on the list.

I caught two roundhead that were hefty fighters. One went 16" and the other 15.5." A ton of 12-14" fish were caught, at least 3-4 dozen. Both big pompano and big roundhead ate the same rig. Three of the four of the same hook. I either had the right spot or I found a combination they really like!

A guy set up next to me got a 24" spanish on a fish finder rig with cut mullet. I was casting for spanish off and on all day, but failed to find a single one. Didn't see any jumping except one nice one that jumped 3 times in front of me shortly before I left the beach. There were 8/9 on bluefish bites. The only one I lost was a little guy I dragged across the surface, which spit the hook next to the beach. Can't catch fish on the couch! - Kelly Hoggard



20 July: Left at 6:00 am looking for speckled trout. Ended up catching 15 specks of which 5 were keepers. They all looked healthy, were caught on Mirror Lures. Looks like it's going to be a good year for speckled trout in Little Creek.

Louis Glaser



1 August:
Fished with Burt Whitt in the morning targeting spot. Found them under the Pretty Lake Bridge. Ended up with 25 yellow bellies using fish bites and night crawlers. This was a nice class of spots!



Angler Interests

Non-offset, non-stainless circle hooks required for Recreational Striped Bass fishing with bait:



July 28th Commission Meeting: Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-252-10 et seq., "Pertaining to the Taking of Striped Bass" to require the use of non-offset, non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing for striped bass recreationally with bait, to clarify that the captain or operator of any recreational boat or vessel shall be responsible for any minimum or maximum size limits, and to repeal section 4VAC 20-252-115 Exemptions from



size limits and closed fishing seasons for recreational striped bass fishing tournaments. The Commission voted unanimously to approve amendments to require the use of non-offset, non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing for Striped Bass recreationally with bait, to clarify that the Captain or Operator of any recreational boat or vessel shall be responsible for any minimum or maximum size limits, and to repeal Section 4VAC 20-252-115 Exemptions from size limits and closed fishing seasons for recreational striped Bass fishing tournaments.

Federal Permitting & Reporting required for all recreational tilefish trips being August 17, 2020



**NOAA
FISHERIES**

Beginning August 17, 2020, NOAA Fisheries will require private recreational tilefish vessels, fishing north of the North Carolina/Virginia border, to have a federal recreational tilefish vessel permit and file catch reports. These changes were approved in Amendment 6 to the Tilefish Fishery

Management Plan. This action is being taken to better characterize and monitor the recreational fisheries for both blueline tilefish and golden tilefish.



Apply for your federal private recreational tilefish vessel permit through the NOAA [Fish Online](https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/apps/login/login) website (<https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/apps/login/login>). You must apply for this permit using our online system, we are not providing paper applications for this permit. This new permit is required even if a vessel already holds a for-hire tilefish permit.

Private recreational tilefish anglers must also fill out and submit an electronic vessel trip report within 24 hours of returning to port for trips where tilefish were targeted and/or retained. Reports can be submitted through any NOAA Fisheries approved electronic reporting system. See the NOAA website for information on electronic reporting options at (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/resources-fishing/vessel-trip-reporting-greater-atlantic-region>)

Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project Updates:



Dominion Energy has completed the installation of two Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) for the CVOW Pilot Project. These WTGs are approximately 24 nautical miles off the coast of Virginia Beach and are the first offshore WTGs installed in federal waters. The WTGs will now undergo acceptance testing

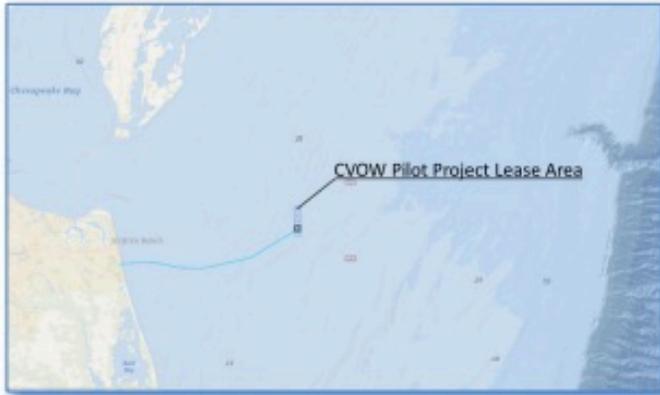
before being energized later this summer. The power cables connecting the wind turbines to shore have been installed and the vessel Siem Dorado will continue cable burial operations throughout July. These operations will take place just offshore of Camp Pendleton toward the WTGs site. In addition, concrete mattresses will be placed at the crossings with existing subsea telecommunications cables. Safety vessels will remain on site during cable burial operations to help mitigate any fishing interactions.

For more information on the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project review the following pages Pilot Project and Commercial Project updates.

COASTAL VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND (CVOW) PILOT PROJECT UPDATE – JULY/AUGUST 2020

Attention Fishermen and Other Mariners

Dominion Energy has completed installation of two (2) Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) for the CVOW Pilot Project within the lease area approximately 24 nautical miles off the coast of Virginia Beach.



These are the first offshore WTGs installed in federal waters. The WTGs will now undergo acceptance testing before being energized later this summer.



Image courtesy of Orsted

Remaining Cable Installation Activities

Dominion Energy has also installed the export power cable connecting the wind turbines to shore. The vessel Siem Dorado will continue cable burial operations into July.

- Siem Dorado: LOA 307' cable burial vessel
 - MMSI: 311031800; Call Sign: C6YG5



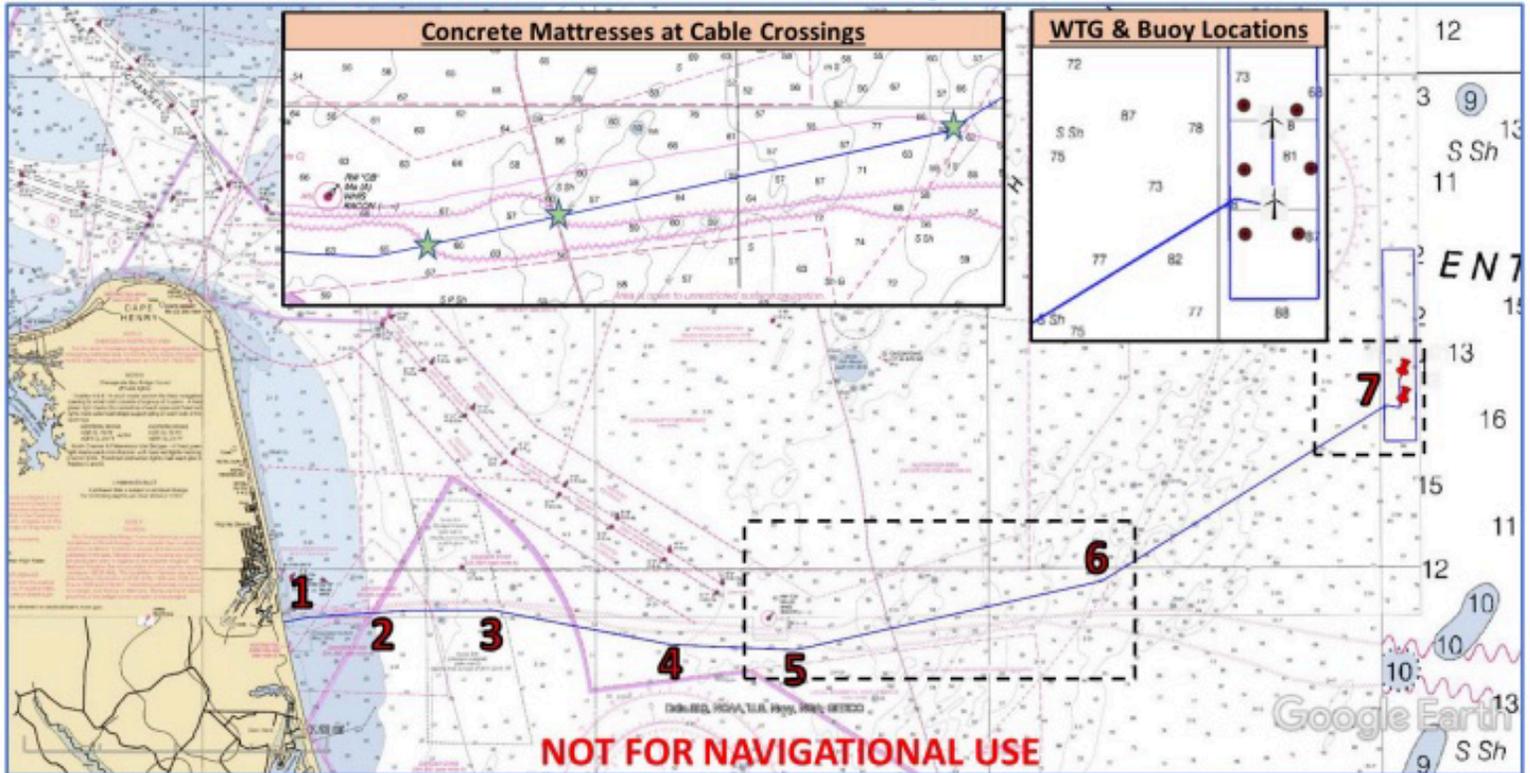
Cable burial operations will be conducted from just offshore of Camp Pendleton towards the WTG site and concrete mattresses will be placed at the crossings with existing subsea telecommunications cables. A post-installation survey will be conducted once burial is complete.

Fishermen planning to deploy fixed gear (e.g., pots, gillnets, etc.) or work mobile gear in the vicinity of planned operations should contact the Fisheries Liaisons to coordinate activities. Local fishing vessels will be used as Scout Boats to help avoid any fishing gear conflicts. Additionally, up to two (2) safety vessels will remain on site during cable burial operations to help mitigate any fishing interactions.



Please reference the Local Notice to Mariners for additional details.

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Safety vessels will monitor VHF Channels 16 & 13 if direct bridge-to-bridge communications are required.

Cable Route WGS84 Coordinates (Deg)			
WP	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (ft)
1	36° 49.03'N	75° 57.32'W	27
2	36° 49.16'N	75° 54.74'W	33
3	36° 49.17'N	75° 52.61'W	48
4	36° 48.47'N	75° 48.08'W	57
5	36° 48.35'N	75° 44.93'W	65
6	36° 49.73'N	75° 37.11'W	59
7	36° 53.27'N	75° 29.84'W	78

- **Safety Vessels:** Rosemary Miller & Sorensen Miller



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Additional Project details and updates can be found on the Dominion Energy Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind website: <https://www.dominionenergy.com/cvow>

COASTAL VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND (CVOW) COMMERCIAL PROJECT SURVEY UPDATE – JULY/AUGUST 2020

Attention Fishermen and Other Mariners

The CVOW Commercial Lease (OCS-A 0483) is located in federal waters of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), about 24 nautical miles off Virginia Beach.



Dominion Energy will continue the marine geophysical and geotechnical (G&G) surveys of in the lease area and along the export cable corridor through the summer of 2020.

There will be six (6) separate vessels operating at various times and locations in and around the lease area, and along the export cable route, throughout the summer as weather and operational schedules allow. Some vessels will be equipped with hull mounted and towed equipment to collect geophysical data while others will conduct geotechnical and benthic sampling at site specific locations. Vessels will work on a 24hr basis, seven days a week.

Commercial fishermen planning to deploy fixed gear (e.g., pots, gillnets, etc.) or work mobile gear in the vicinity of the planned operations should contact the Fisheries Liaisons to coordinate activities. Temporary relocation of fixed gear, away from operational areas, may be requested.

Dominion Energy will engage local fishing vessels as Scout Boats to help avoid any fishing gear conflicts. If you suspect your gear has been damaged by survey activity, please contact the designated Fisheries Liaisons.

Please reference the Local Notice to Mariners for additional details regarding this work.

Vessels Conducting Activities

- Sarah Bordelon: LOA 170' (Geophysical)
 - MMSI: 367780870; Call sign: WDJ4762



- Marcelle Bordelon: LOA 170' (Geophysical)
 - MMSI: 367078110; Call Sign: WDJ2038



- Geoquip Speer: LOA 275' (Geotechnical)
 - MMSI: 538004141; Call Sign: V7VK4



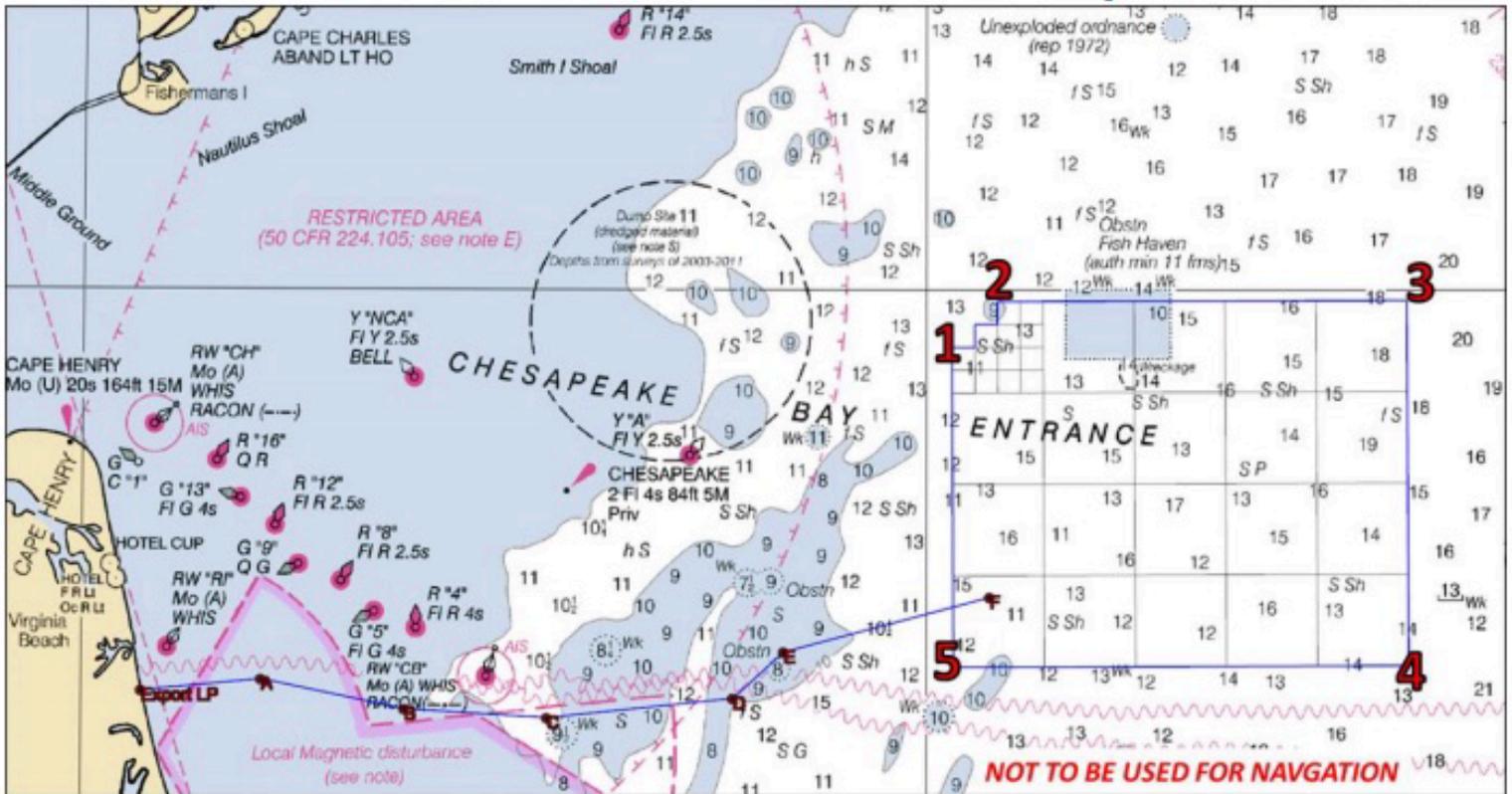
- Geoquip Saentis: LOA 265' (Geotechnical)
 - MMSI: 311963000; Call Sign: C6UM8



- Dina Polaris: LOA 325' (Geotechnical)
 - MMSI: 257006530; Call Sign: LAXB7



COASTAL VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND (CVOW) COMMERCIAL PROJECT SURVEY UPDATE – JULY/AUGUST 2020



Survey vessels will monitor VHF Channels 16 & 13 if direct bridge-to-bridge communications are required.

Approximate Lease Area Coordinates			
WP	Latitude (Deg MM.mm)	Longitude (Deg MM.mm)	Approx. Depth (ft)
1	36° 58.39'N	75° 29.12'W	72
2	36° 59.69'N	75° 27.51'W	60
3	36° 59.73'N	75° 12.94'W	110
4	36° 49.35'N	75° 12.92'W	84
5	36° 49.30'N	75° 29.06'W	78

Approximate Export Cable Corridor Coordinates			
WP	Latitude (Deg MM.mm)	Longitude (Deg MM.mm)	Approx. Depth (ft)
LP	36° 48.57'N	75° 57.88'W	0
A	36° 48.91'N	75° 53.61'W	36
B	36° 48.08'N	75° 48.52'W	57
C	36° 47.84'N	75° 43.46'W	67
D	36° 48.41'N	75° 36.87'W	59
E	36° 49.73'N	75° 35.07'W	56
F	36° 51.29'N	75° 27.77'W	85

Mariners transiting or fishing in the survey area are requested to give a wide berth to survey vessels which may be limited in their ability to maneuver and towing gear up to 1,000' behind the vessel. Mariners should operate in a manner that will not endanger the vessel or its equipment, a 0.5NM clearance is requested.

Fisheries Liaison Officers

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