



The Norfolk Anglers Club

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# Letter from **THE EDITOR**

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## **New NAC Wireline & Interactive Media**

It is with great excitement, we introduce our new NAC Wireline and Interactive Media.

We have taken on producing a new interactive monthly newsletter, The Norfolk Anglers Club Wireline. With the help of Iva Nicolo, we have produced a quality newsletter that will interact with our other media to promote the NAC as well as share it's interests with all its current and prospective members.

Our website [www.norfolkanglersclub.com](http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com) will be our backbone, where people can find all they need to know about the club, it's mission statement, meeting dates, membership applications, it's leadership and more.

In addition our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/norfolk.anglersclub](https://www.facebook.com/norfolk.anglersclub)) will interact with both the newsletter and the website and vice versa. The Facebook page will be our daily social media where members in good standing can share their fishing reports, stories, etc.. We will also use it to announce our monthly speakers, current events, and any new news that comes up between our time together.

I could not be any more pleased with the leadership of the NAC and it's members who continue to make it a great place for fishermen and their families.

A Huge Thank You to everyone who has helped take this momentous project on!

Sincerely,

Lucian Montagna  
Vice President, NAC  
Wireline Co-Editor

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# Next MEETING

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Captain Herb Gordon**

Captain Herb has been sport fishing in Virginia Beach as a charter captain for over 30 years both inshore and offshore. He has offshore experience from Cape Hatteras, NC to Wachepreague, VA.

He also has extensive knowledge of the Chesapeake Bay, especially around the areas of the Bay Bridge Tunnel and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Captain Herb had his own fishing tv show for over 15 years, called THE WEEKEND FISHERMAN.

“Captain Herb Gordon has brought sports enthusiasts some of the world’s best fishing for nearly a decade.”

Captain Herb Gordon’s boat, the PRETTY WORK is a custom built Fla. boat made by Mirage Manufacturing in Gainesville. She is 32’10’ in length, and 11’ beam with a 2012 diesel power Volvo Penta D6 engine. She is fast and comfortable, able to cruise 24-25 knots under normal sea conditions, top speed 32 knots!

The boat was used for the TV show, The Weekend Fisherman, as the primary camera boat.

## **Important:**

Date of next meeting - Monday, December 9th, 7pm

## **New Location:**

Teppanyaki Buffet | 7525 Tidewater Dr Norfolk, VA 23505

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# Second Annual YOUTH HEADBOAT TRIP

Written by:  
Michel Smith

It seems that our club has embarked upon an excursion that is getting more and more fun for youth anglers as well as club members. On July 15th 2013 our club hosted 43 East Ocean View youngsters for a day of fishing. This is our second year for this event and, as with the first, it was a great success.

The trip was funded by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Norfolk Anglers Club. The day included a four hour head boat fishing trip followed by a cookout at the East Ocean View Community Center. 12 NAC members were on board The Judith Ann helping the kids with proper technique, baiting, untangling lines, taking their catch off the line and just getting to know each other. There were over 200 fish caught of various sizes and the kids were thrilled. After the trip a few of the club members cleaned over 60 fish and froze them for a future fish fry at the Community Center.

Back at the Community Center a dozen NAC members prepared for the hungry anglers' arrival. We ate hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, potato salad, macaroni salad, watermelon and cookies. We NAC members also heard a lot of "fish tales" from these young anglers.

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

Snapshots from the  
**WATER**







# Catch OF THE DAY

Written by:

Beth Synowiec

The day although much windier and rougher by far from what the weatherman suggested only the night before turned out to be a sweet tautog sheephead and red drum (pups) extravaganza.

The crew caught 4 man limit of sheephead (2 released) 3 man limit of tautog size up to 21 inches and 6 really nice red drum sizes 19, 21, 21, 24, 26, and 22 inches (2 released). They also tagged and released 7 tautog and 2 sheep. All fish caught using fiddlers and blue crab. Most fish preferred the fiddlers.

The mission of the trip was to get Ben Capps and Matt Profitt on their first togs. While out there they both shared with me that they had never caught a sheephead either so I think the trip worked out well for everyone aboard.

I too experienced a first as I caught my (personal) limit in all 3 species during a single trip. Fish were caught using dropper loop and Carolina rigs. Holy shikes what a fun day! Congrats Matt and Ben — way to get er done!

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# Fishin Fool IN THE ABYSS

Written by:  
Lucian Montagna

We left with good intentions, but were still late due to some offshore storms, and headed Far East to the deep drop grounds. Upon arrival we saw acres of two toned dolphin and whales busting bait, and to everyone on board the experience was awe inspiring.

Our first destination wasn't exactly what we were looking for, but we managed to pull out quality blue line tilefish, black bellied rose fish and a sea bass. After 3 or 4 drifts, we went looking for some golden tilefish — a monster the crew had yet to catch.

After discovering some marks that looked fishy we dropped and within minutes of hitting bottom the rods started doubling over. The crew caught a great assortment: wreck fish, hake, and black bellied rose fish — but most importantly each one getting their first ever golden tilefish.

“It was hot and heavy, hard cranking, and all by hand, but the crew stuck it out and filled the boxes.”

Congratulations Shane for getting the largest Golden of the day and to Matt for the largest Wreckfish.

## Final Talley

4 Golden tilefish, 5 Wreckfish, Several Black Bellied Rosefish,  
1 Nice Sea Bass, Several Huge Hake, Several Bluelined Tilefish

Snapshots from the  
WATER







# Flat Fish FOLLIES

Written by:  
Jason R. Nicolo

**“It’s no secret that this years flounder season was for lack of a better term, *a little off.*”**

Many of the normal hot spots failed to produce much at all this year and lead many anglers to focus their attention on other species. However slow this season was, it is hard to replace a delicious filet of flounder on the dinner plate, thus, we continued our search of the elusive flounder.

Many failed attempts at the Chesapeake bay bridge tunnel left me with an empty fuel tank and nothing to show for it, this in mind I decided that I would start to keep it closer to home and focus on areas around the HRBT, Ocean View beaches and Hampton.

Loaded up with gulps, minnows, squid, buck tails and a mass of different lures and rigs we set out on our flat fish adventure. Gulps seemed to attract attention quickly but no matter what I could not get them to move to the hook and constantly was pulling up gulps sans the tail. Moving on to a three way swivel with squid strips I noticed that I was getting bites but the bicatch of croaker and spot was nearly unbearable. Buck tails tipped with flounder strips, croaker strips or squid strips seemed to produce nearly nothing.

Finally the secret was revealed, a minnow on a circle hook attached to a three way swivel using as little weight as possible to hold bottom. We simply dragged the baited across the bottom to a drop off and once the flounder hit kept the rods in the holders for a while, dragging the fish along for a while until it would hook its self on the circle hook. Once we figured out what to look for and what they were looking for my dinner plate finally was graced by that delicious white flakey meat once again.

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**WATER**





# Important UPDATE

## Application FORM

### NEWS FROM FRIENDS OF THE NAC:

Per a recent decision by the VA Saltwater Sport Fishing Tournament Advisory Committee all levels of master angler past Level I. It is the understanding of Friends of the NAC that due to the current system, there is a mathematical impossibility within the levels, bringing a vote to end them all together, versus fixing said issue.

For those of the NAC who are just getting their toes wet into the system, the program was set up so that at each level Master level you needed to catch 25 citations, with only one citation per species per year that would count toward the total goal. This number of unique citations would increase the higher you ranked, and eventually you would run out of species to catch.

Those of you who would like to petition against this decision may contact Lewis Gillingham at 757-491-5160 or [vswft@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:vswft@mrc.virginia.gov).

**“I used the program to set goal and push myself to fish for different species out of my comfort zone and to go fishing when I would want stay in when it is to cold, to hot, to calm, to windy, to sunny, to rainy or any other excuse. — Wes Blow”**

**Sample letter** (originally penned by Ric Wineman):

Dear Lewis,

I would like to see the different VA Master Angler Program levels remain. I am using this program as a personal challenge and was also challenging my fellow anglers who are already Master Angler Level I to move on to the next level.

I ask of the VA Saltwater Sport Fishing Tournament Advisory Committee to fix any issues that they may have seen within the previous program versus eliminating it all together.

Let me know what we can do to keep this program in place for 2014 and beyond.

Thanks,

Name  
Number  
Contact Information





# Fishing & Boating RESOURCES

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## [www.FishCrazy.info](http://www.FishCrazy.info)

Outdoor writer Ric Burnley provides up-to-date, reliable fishing reports, step-by-step how-to articles, news and events, professional guides and everything you need to fish the Mid Atlantic.

## [www.PilotOnline.com](http://www.PilotOnline.com) | Lee Tolliver

Lee Tolliver's Fishing Forecast appears on PilotOnline.com and in the Virginian Pilot sports section every Thursday from the first week in April through Thanksgiving Day.

## [www.baydreaming.com](http://www.baydreaming.com)

Chesapeake Bay Guide provides information on boating, fishing, travel, events, and history for many areas throughout Virginia.

## [www.fishva.org](http://www.fishva.org)

An online resource for choosing a VA Saltwater Fishing charter service. Over 100 licensed Captains in the organization.

**[www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com)** The official site for boater education. Boat Ed is the only place on the Web where you can study the official boating safety manual developed specifically for your state government's boating agency.

## [www.chesapeake-angler.com](http://www.chesapeake-angler.com)

A comprehensive fishing network dedicated to all types of Virginia fishing.

## [www.boatsafe.com](http://www.boatsafe.com)

Boating safety courses with boating simulations, animations, boating safety quizzes and boating tips for power boaters and sailboaters.

## [www.sportfishermen.com](http://www.sportfishermen.com)

Comprehensive fishing resource including, tournaments, articles, forums, pictures and video.

## [www.cbf.org](http://www.cbf.org)

Features education material, access to critical bay issues, and tools for citizens to take action on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay.

## [www.dailypress.com/fishingspot](http://www.dailypress.com/fishingspot)

Official website of the Daily Press Newspaper Fishing Section. Offers forums and weekly fishing report.

## [www.discoverboating.com](http://www.discoverboating.com)

Provides a variety of information on safety, maintenance, destinations and tips on buying a boat.

## [www.hamptonroads.com](http://www.hamptonroads.com)

Comprehensive resource for Hampton Roads. Includes Virginian Pilot newspaper fishing reports.

## [www.pierandsurf.com](http://www.pierandsurf.com)

Provides Virginia pier and surf fishing reports.

## [www.mrc.state.va.us/swr/saltwaterreview](http://www.mrc.state.va.us/swr/saltwaterreview)

Includes weekly Virginia Marine Resources Commission fishing report.

## [www.stripersonline.com](http://www.stripersonline.com)

Brings you the most complete striped bass fishing information, including saltwater, surf and fly fishing articles, tackle, techniques, fishing reports and discussions.

## [www.takemefishing.org](http://www.takemefishing.org)

Serves as a one-stop resource for those seeking boating, fishing and conservation information.

## [www.tidalfish.com](http://www.tidalfish.com)

Provides fishing reports and fishing information covering saltwater fishing, freshwater fishing, fly fishing, fishing reports, etc.

## [www.vbsf.net](http://www.vbsf.net)

Virginia Beach Sport Fishing website links to fishing chat, fishing guides, and catches of the week.

## [www.vcanaccess.com](http://www.vcanaccess.com)

Virginia Coastal Access Now (VCAN) is a non-profit organization that represents recreational anglers.

## [www.mrc.virginia.gov](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov)

Official site of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Provides easy access to regulatory and management information related to Virginia marine resources.



# Weather & Tides RESOURCES

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## [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

The National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States.

## [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

Provides a national and local weather forecast for cities worldwide.

## [www.wtkr.com](http://www.wtkr.com)

Hampton Roads local CBS affiliate.

Provides weather and marine forecast information.

## [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)

Provides weather forecasts for the US and the world with a fast, easy to use interface. Includes weather maps, graphics and radar images.

## [www.saltwatertides.com](http://www.saltwatertides.com)

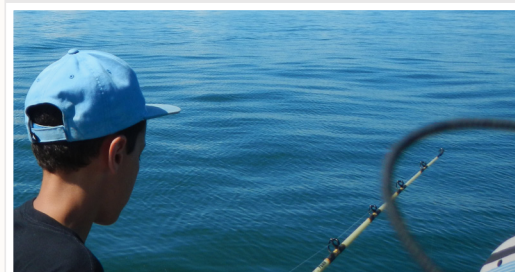
Provides low and high tide predictions, sunset, moon rise, moon set, and moon phase information.

## [www.wvec.com](http://www.wvec.com)

Hampton Roads local ABC affiliate.

Provides weather and marine forecast information.

## Snapshots from the WATER







# Become a Member OF THE NAC

The Norfolk Anglers Club was founded in 2005, filling a need for a fishing club in the City of Norfolk. Membership comes from all over the state.

We are family oriented, dedicated to bringing fishermen and their Families together.

Monthly meetings cover both inshore & offshore fishing as well as boating & safety. There are guest speakers covering a variety of topics and monthly raffles.

We also conduct friendly fishing tournaments and cookouts, all with a family atmosphere in mind

## Meetings

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM

The meeting location may vary so please check our web page at <http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com>

All meetings are open to the public and non-members are welcome to attend.

## Membership Annual dues are:

\$30.00 for an individual

\$35.00 for a family.

Norfolk Anglers Club membership may be obtained by filling out this application (also found online) and bringing it to the meeting or Membership Application may be mailed to the following address:

P.O. BOX 8422 NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422

## Application FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Individual

\_\_\_\_ \$35.00 Family

Family membership includes spouse and dependent children only. Family members, please complete the following:

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (under 18)

Names: \_\_\_\_\_