



THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB WIRELINE DECEMBER 2015

December 1, 1875: Currituck Beach Lighthouse operational as a First Order Lighthouse between Bodie Island, NC and Cape Henry, VA.

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Happy Holidays, Been Good ALL YEAR! and only want three things this year; Stripers, Specs, and a couple of those Citations!

PS: the good kind of citation

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Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Happy Holidays! I hope you can make the Holiday Party at a new location (just for the party). Bring along a wrapped \$15 gift and join in the gift exchange. Last year's gift exchange was great fun!

Please note the <u>location change for the Holiday Party</u>. A scheduling conflict required we move to another location just for December's meeting/party.

At the January meeting will be holding annual elections for the Officer positions/Board of Directors. Our club has done extremely well over the last year, with new members, sponsors, and events. One of the best ways to influence *our* club in the coming year is to serve as one of our Officers. I hope you'll consider the opportunity.

MEETING

Holiday Gift Exchange!!

In lieu of a guest speaker at our December meeting we'll be holding our Holiday Gift Exchange. Some call it a Yankee Gift Swap or White Elephant Gift Exchange, whatever you want to call it, it can be great fun.

To participate bring along a wrapped gift in the \$15 range. We'll collect the gift and give you a raffle ticket. We'll then use the ticket to randomly set the order to select a gift. The Gift Exchange Rules are as follows;

- Gifts range \$15

- When you're selected you can pick a wrapped gift or select one that's already been opened.

- Gifts must be opened once selected.

- If the gift you opened is selected by someone else you can then select a wrapped gift or grab someone else's unwrapped gift, but you can't take back the one you just had.

- Gifts can only be swiped twice. Meaning, the gift once opened can be taken by someone else and then taken a second time. After that the gift isn't available to change ownership again.

- There can be only three gift "swipes" during a turn. After the third gift "swipe" the next person draws an unwrapped gift...and we begin again.



Location: <u>Hibachii Grill & Supreme Buffet</u> 5957 East Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23505

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December 14th 7:00 - 9:00pm

Gift Exchange Rules

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Speckled Trout on Light Tackle with Mark Lozier 1st Landing Kayak Fishing Services

Know your area & Know your fish: Planning ahead, particularly when

fishing from a kayak, can't be over-stressed. When you're fishing on "paddle power" knowing the tides, weather, and fishing areas will not only keep you safe on the water but also maximize a great day of fishing. Understanding the species you're targeting will be the difference between a kayak tour and a fishing trip. Mark Lozier advises to know the "why" behind Speckled Trout behavior to consistently catch fish. Realizing how Specs feed, what they feed on, and when they feed is key to presenting the right lure to entice a strike.

In the fall, Speckled Trout feed to fatten up, mullet, menhaden and other small finfish are all on the menu. They're ambush feeders that prefer to not expend energy chasing their food source around. They'll lie in wait for their next meal to swim by and then ambush it as it passes. Specs look up to feed, using their beautiful camouflage color and spots, they'll hide low in the grass or oyster beds to strike. Mark advises to remember Speckled Trout are "bottom living and NOT bottom feeders" and to be ready to fish them from the bottom all the way to the surface.

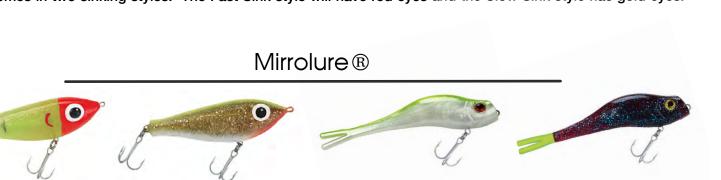
Cover the Water Column when fishing for Speckled Trout: Conditions will vary

from day to day so it pays to be prepared to target Speckled Trout as they feed off topwater bait, in the mid-water column, and while foraging from the bottom.

Topwater: Look for bait near the surface. If you've got baitfish swimming near the surface in schools they're likely schooling for protection from predators, like Specs. Cast your topwater lure around the surface bait and work it to mimic a struggling fish. If you don't see bait on the surface active feeding don't waste your time pitching topwater lures to fish that aren't feeding up there.

The Paul Brown "Fat Boy" style lures produced by Mirrolure® are soft-sided lures that come in floating/topwater lure and a suspending lure. The soft texture provides a similar feel of real baitfish. Mark advises the gill marking on the Fat Boy Lures let you know if it's a floating (red gill) or the suspending (no marking) lure.

Mid-Water Column: There are many suspending lures on the market to choose from. Also produced by Mirrolure is the Maniac Mullet™, a soft bait that comes in two sinking styles. The Fast Sink style will have red eyes and the Slow Sink style has gold eyes.



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Paul Brown Fat Boy (Suspending)

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<u>Bottom of the water column</u>: In colder water Trout will be in the deeper water. Jigheads are the preferred method to work Specs in the deeper water or on the bottom. Ralph Phillips makes a 3/16 ounce TroutEye Jighead with a



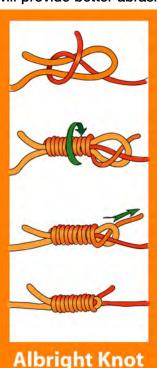
very sharp 2/0 black nickel wide-gap hook. They have large 3D eyes, come unpainted, and include very pronounced bait keeper prongs to keep your soft plastic bait on the jig.

Mark likes to use the 5 inch Z-Man ElaZtech® Trout Trick® soft plastic bait in either the Mood Ring or Plum/Chartreuse colors. Work the jig by allowing it to free-fall to the bottom, take up the slack and give the rod tip a few jerks and repeat.

Tackle: Spinning rod and Bait Caster setups work equally well for Speckled Trout. Mark selects a rod with a Fast

Action and a medium backbone. Braided line in the 20#-30# class works well. Braid has a number of advantages over monofilament; it's got a smaller diameter, has better sensitivity, and has no memory when left on the reel for long periods. "Fluorocarbon or Monofilament?" is a frequent question asked, both work fine but the Fluorocarbon will provide better abrasion resistance.





You'll want to join the braid-mono together using an Albright knot. Its small diameter will easily flow through the line guides. It's a great know to use when making the braid-mono/fluoro or any other lines of unequal size together.

<u>Landing & Handling Specs</u>: As hard as a Trout can fight it's surprising to know that mishandling the fish at the boat can have dramatic effect on the fish later. Speckled Trout have a natural protective slim layer on their skin. Handling them roughly with a net, a rag, or dry hands can cause them to lose their protective layer. Use a lip gripping tool and always handle them gently with wet hands. T

<u>Technique & Rigging</u>: For Topwater lures, Mark likes an 18 inch 30# leader of monofilament or fluorocarbon tied directly to the lure (no coast-lock or snap swivel) a loopknot. For mid-water or bottom rigs he uses 18-24 inches of 20#-30# fluorocarbon leader tied directly to the lure or jighead.

When fishing in colder water use a S L O W retrieve. If you get a hit and a miss, hold off the retrieve and allow the fish to hit it again before continuing a slow retrieve. Remember in colder water trout are trying to fatten up and don't want to expend lots of energy chasing bait around.





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What is a Virginia fuels tax refund?

Virginia law allows a refund of the Virginia Fuels Tax either in whole or in part for uses eligible for a refund. The fuel purchases must be in quantities of at least five gallons at a time to qualify. Refunds are granted in accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code §58.1-2261 to any person who establishes they have paid the fuels tax and used or sold such fuel for one of the eligible uses as stated in §58.1-2259 of the Virginia Code. The refund application must be received by DMV within one year from the date of the fuel purchase shown on the paid ticket or invoice.

Do I qualify for a refund?

Check with www.dmvnow.com for the list and description of eligible uses that qualify. The Virginia fuels tax must

have been paid on the fuel. Some eligible uses are; **Boats - Commercial Fishing Boats - Commercial Watercraft** Boats - Recreational and Pleasure Watercraft **Diesel Vehicle Refund**

How do I apply for a refund?

Go to DMV's online Fuels Tax Refund System at dmvnow.com. Registration is required the first time you use this system, thereafter, simply logon with your email address and the four-digit pin number you have chosen for your account. Once you've submitted your claim you can review your claim process through your online account.

What information do I need to file a refund?

To submit a refund claim, you will need to provide the refund claim period, number of gallons, fuel type (gas, diesel, etc.), how the fuel was used, and other information required for the type of refund claim you are submitting. The system will guide you through the application process and display messages when the fuel receipts or other documentation is required to be submitted to DMV.

Do I need to send in fuel receipts?

First time applicants, except for diesel vehicle refund claims for vehicles registered in Virginia, are required to send in fuel receipts/tickets/invoices and other documentation to support their first refund claim. Receipts must have a date no more than

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- Indicate the exact date of purchase (month/day/year).
- Include the number of gallons and type of fuel purchased.
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- Must include the seller's name and their physical location/address in Virginia.
- Must be readable. Illegible, altered, or duplicate invoices/tickets/receipts will not be accepted.
- Must be in date order.
- Credit card receipts must have all of the required information listed above.
- Invoices for bulk fuel purchases must also show the amount of fuels tax charged/paid.





1 November: We caught two keeper rockfish casting rebel 7" swimming plugs at dead low water about 8:30 AM. We then anchored on the tube over the first island in 26 feet of water and caught about 10 short tog about 5 were over 15" but under 16" and of course a bunch of toad fish. We pulled anchor and went back to the dock around noon. - Mike Hubert







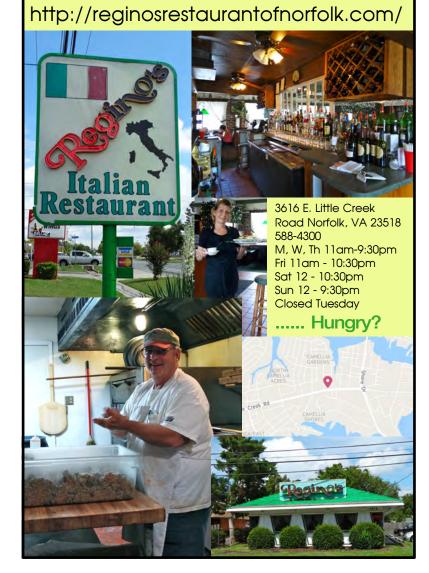
16 November: Went fishing on my boat, ShelbyKat II, looking for tautog with Russell Willoughby. Beautiful day, light West winds, right at the turn of current from ebb to flood. First went to the Cape Henry wreck and despite several times repositioning only caught togs too small to keep and toad fish. Russell did hook one that had to be huge but lost his tackle when the tog went into

a hole. When current started to rip, we when went to the 3rd Island tube, no luck there. As the current started to diminish we went over to the 2nd. As the current slacked, it was game on. We began hooking 16-18 inch fish interspersed with 14-15 inch fish catching one after another. Usually involving getting our bait stolen before hooking up. We both found that using a 1/0 treble hook worked best to get them to the boat.

The bite actually picked up when the current started moving. We got out limit after about two hours of fishing and then began to throw 17 inch fish back until we used up all our blue crabs. I haven't had a tautog fishing day like this in years. Hopefully the weather will allow me to try again soon. - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower









2 November: A 3 lb lobster, 25 Sea Bass (14-18 inches) caught on hook & line at the Triangle Reef. Water temp 63F on the surface and 62F on the bottom. Visibiity was 15ft. Great day diving and fishing. This Redskin fan even made friends with a cowboy fan. - Mike Delbridge



31 October: Found them again, thought they were gone from Long creek in Lynnhaven. Full of roe. - Jimmy Robinson

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The Eastern Virginia Surf Casters (EVSC) Team with one of our members, Mike Grifith, recently placed 3rd out of 80 teams in the 65th Annual Nags Head Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament held 8-9 Oct 2015. Mike reports that it was pretty much a Bluefish tournament as none of the 480 fisherwomen and men registered a legal Puppy Drum. The largest fish registered by a woman was a 18.5" Flounder and the largest fish by a man was a 18.25" Black Drum. The EVSC actually tied for 2nd but placed 3rd because they caught less fish in the tie-breaker. In addition to placing 3rd overall, they were also the high point winners for the Friday afternoon session. - Mike Grifith



23-25 October: Took a charter to the 3rd Island for Tog on 25 Oct and got one 21.5" fish along with a bunch of Toad fish and then 2 more keepers at the 2nd plus a few throwbacks. The Sea Bass made it hard to keep a bait in the water. Saw quite a few other boats but only 1 other Tog pulled in. We also got 1 Keeper on a quick trip to the 2nd the afternoon of the 23rd but headed back early with a "sick" client. - Mike Grifith



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24 October: While walking my dog Porter at Chic's Beach on a Saturday, we came across a dead Sturgeon in the surf that had been hit by a boat propeller. That happens occasionally this time of year when the Sturgeon are entering and leaving the Bay during spawning season.

I contacted Matt with the James River Sturgeon program and he came down the next day to pick it up for study. It turned out to be a male around 6' long and was 17 yrs old. It was by far the largest of the three I've come across and Matt said it would have grown to around 19' when full grown. The James River Sturgeon Program

is always looking for specimens in any condition so if you come across a dead Sturgeon, please give Matt a call at 804-484-5300 so he can come pick it up. To learn more about their program, go to https://www.facebook.com/JamesRiverSturgeon/. - Mike Grifith

NOTE: Twenty seven Atlantic sturgeon are being tracked by local schools within the James River watershed. From 2010 to 2013, these sturgeon were implanted with VEMCO acoustic transmitter tags that send out 'pings' every few minutes. If the ping is picked up by global satellite receivers in the river, the James River Sturgeon Program gets an email from that sturgeon!

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21 November: Ned and I found a weather window open when the wind was less than 10 mph out of the North for Saturday afternoon; matched with a turn over of the current so we headed out to the 2nd island, CBBT to find some tautog again. Seas were 2-3 feet with



huge swells at times but we persisted and managed to catch 3 keepers 16 1/2 in - 17 1/2 in. and several throwbacks. All were caught on the outgoing current.- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower







28 November: Lynnhaven limit , at the docks just inside Broad Bay. Curley tail jig head used! - Jimmy Johnson

15 November: Got a limit today at the first Island tube, 21" and 29", wired them up. - Jimmy Robinson





1 November: The first week of November, we fished some offshore wrecks 50 -80 northeast of Virginia Beach and were rewarded with some of the biggest Sea Bass I have ever seen. We even picked up a Blueline Tilefish on a wreck. Lots of big fish

but lots of gas too! Later the same week we fished several wrecks out to but not including the Triangle Reef. We were fishing for tog but these wrecks were covered with "Willies" (small Sea Bass.) After hitting 3 wrecks and catching only 2 keepers Sea Bass and one short Tog we headed back to Little Creek and stopped along the CBBT to try for Tog. We got one quick keeper and called it a day. The next week we headed Southeast and fished some wrecks off South Carolina, 200 - 350 feet.



We were rewarded with our target, jumbo Sea Bass, but the wrecks were also covered with big Triggers and a few big Ling Cod. Hopefully I will have more to report before the end of the month but the rest of this week looks like a blow out. With some colder weather maybe the Willies will move off the inshore wrecks and we can get a chance at some inshore Tog. - Henry and Mary Troutner

I managed to get out Tog'n 3 times this month and caught some fish but didn't tear them up. On the 22nd I took Ray from Maryland out to the 2nd in the afternoon during the brief break in the wind and although I got my limit and

a few throwbacks, Ray is still looking for his first keeper. He had fun though with some near misses and learned the frustrations of losing them in the rocks and is looking forward to trying again. On the 27th, I took Eddie out to the 2nd on a beautiful day which was lucky for us since we didn't put a single fish in the box in some tough fishing conditions due to the swells. Not giving up, Kevin and I started out at the 3rd on the 28th where Kevin caught the biggest of the day at 20" but then I came back strong at the 2nd where I got 3 keepers on the way back in. The best luck I had at the 2nd was around 17' on the Ocean side. - Mike Grifith









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Norfolk Anglers Club Canned 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. The summer months always seem to be a time when food bank donations slow, so

let's re-double our efforts in the coming months.

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 Marine Resource Commission Meeting: December 8, 2015



Meeting Agenda: 14. The Virginia Institute of Marine Science will give a presentation on the results of an investigation of the potential impact on Gwynn Island bridge rehabilitation work on mortality in a nearby oyster hatchery.

PUBLIC HEARING Request to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-720-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Restrictions on Oyster Harvest" to close the Pultz Bar in the Mobjack Bay Area and establish a trial allowance of hand tong gear on seaside of the Eastern Shore (for clean cull oysters only).

PUBLIC HEARING Request to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-140-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Identification of Crab Pots, Peeler Pots, Eel Pots, and Fish Pots " to establish marking requirements for eel pots with an identification number.

PUBLIC HEARING Proposed amendments to Chapter 4 VAC 20-950-10 et seq., "Pertaining to Black Sea Bass", to establish the 2016 commercial quota.

RECOMMENDATION From the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board on funding projects from the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund.

Virginia Boating Safety Education Requirements



By July 2016, all motorboat operators will be required to have completed a Boating Safety Education course. With a just about 7 months to comply, it's best to not put it off any longer. In the coming months there will be options to complete a course through local organizations or you could complete an online course. The *BoatUS Foundation* has an online course that meets state requirements and is self-paced. Visit their website at http://www.boatus.org/courses/ to sign up and get this requirement complete over the winter months.



Striped Bass Fishing in the EEZ Restrictions Support Sustainability Of Species



In an effort to ensure the healthy population of the striped bass in the Mid-Atlantic region, NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) is raising awareness of the federal regulations governing striped bass in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and increasing targeted enforcement efforts to protect the species from illegal poaching activities. In order to ensure the sustainability of the species, the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

Cooperative Management Act, found in Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 697.7, was promulgated. Thus, during the months of November through February, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement is joining state and federal marine law enforcement organizations in supporting a focused enforcement effort, targeting vessels retaining and fishing for striped bass in the EEZ. Marine law enforcement officers, including OLE and the U.S. Coast Guard, in the Mid-Atlantic will be ticketing fishermen who violate these regulations and who target striped bass within the EEZ.

Marine Pollution:

Marine pollution prevention is everyone's responsibility. Not knowing the kinds of overboard discharge allowed and location can produce a significant hazard to boaters, even more serious are the penalties for violating federal regulations. Ever think what would happen if you stuck a discarded wooden pallet or other floating debris? How about sucking up a plastic bag in your lower unit water pump? Don't become part of the problem.

