



THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

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Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Happy New Year! I hope 2023 brings you much success and prosperity.

December fishing has certainly been challenging! The cold weather kept a lot of us away from the water. Fortunately, we haven't heard any news about fish cold stun events. If you get out in the coming months please remember to dress appropriately, fish with someone, and wear your PFD.

Check out the boat raffle from Lancet Marine. Proceeds go to supporting the mission of *Hooked on Hope VB*. It's a wonderful organization that serves the pediatric cancer community. The drawing is scheduled for March 1st and you don't have to be present to win or be a Virginia resident.

We've set the date and location for our Annual Awards Banquet. It's Saturday, June 3rd at the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club. This event is reserved for Norfolk Anglers Club members and their invited guests.

Want a New Year's Resolution that can pay you back? Sign up for the Virginia Fuel Tax Refund Program. See the Anglers Interest section of this newsletter for more information.

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Meeting

Guest Speaker: Mike Burton, Fishing rod maintenance, upkeep, and repair

Anglers seem to spend more time checking on fishing tackle, making rigs, and their reels than on their fishing rods. Rods need periodic inspection and repair too! Mike Burton is a custom rod builder and will share his experience and recommendations to keep your rods in great shape throughout the fishing season.

Important:

January 16, 2023

NAC Meeting at Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk, VA

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Hooked On Hope VB serves the pediatric cancer community. They provide fishing outings at no cost for the families they serve. They also provide the families with charter boat fishing events, onshore fishing events, and camping trips.

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<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/lancetmarine>



About Hooked on Hope VB

Founders Mike and Joanne Robey

Our family of five navigated through our youngest daughter's leukemia diagnosis one day at a time. Pediatric cancer affects the entire family. All of our lives were turned up-side-down and, at times, it felt as though we were being consumed by fear and the walls were closing in on us.

We had to escape, literally.

Our neighborhood lake became a refuge and fishing offered us that escape. We fished, we smiled, we exhaled, the sun warmed our bodies, we relaxed and we felt renewed. Fishing became therapy.

We are hooked on offering that feeling to other families, just like ours.

Hooked on Hope VB launched on our daughter's diagnosis day, three years later. We are thankful to give that date new meaning. Fishing continues to heal us.

Thank you for joining us and families like ours on this journey.

For more information check out their website at:

<https://hookedonhopevb.org>

**Drawing
March 1, 2023**

Club Calendar

January

Thurs, Jan 5th: Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
Commission Webinar on Striped Bass
Mon, Jan 16th: Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting,
Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk, VA
Tues, Jan 24th: Virginia Marine Resources
Commission Meeting, Fort Monroe

February

Fri-Sun, Feb 4-6th: Mid-Atlantic Sports & Boat Show,
Virginia Beach Convention Center

June

Sat, Jun 3rd: Norfolk Anglers Club Annual Awards
Banquet, NYCC (Private Event)

Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Freshwater

Species	Name (#Entries)
Crappie	James Eisenhower (5) Russell Willoughby (6)
Chain Pickerel	Russell Willoughby (1)
Blue Catfish	Mary Troutner (1) George Langdon (1)

Saltwater

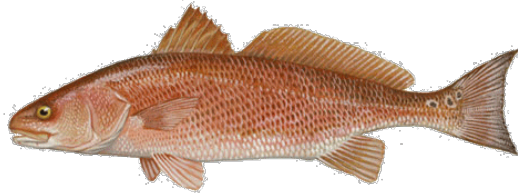
Species	Name (#Entries)
Shark	Kelly Hoggard (2)
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard (1)
Speckled Trout	James Eisenhower (11) Ned Smith (2) Bert Sainz (2) Louis Glaser (1) Will Bransom (2)
Cobia	Alex Perez, Sr (2)
Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard (4)
Blueline Tilefish	Jere Humphrey (1) Mike Hubert (2) Mike Burton (1) Henry Troutner (1)
Blue Marlin	Mike Hubert (1)
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard (1)
Black Sea Bass	Mike Hubert (1)

****Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Saltwater) or
Department of Wildlife Resources (Freshwater)
Citation paperwork or the Norfolk Anglers Club
Prize Fish entry form must be submitted to James
"Ike" Eisenhower via email to
NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com

***For the 2022 Tournaments, ALL entries need to be
submitted to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com***

***Documentation from Virginia or North Carolina
Fisheries or Wildlife agencies, as well as,
the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish paperwork
is acceptable.***

Club Members Tournament for 2023



Redfish "Spots" Tournament

Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023
- 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. Photo entries without a decal or measurement tape are not accepted.
- 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 (on one side), 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)
- \$50.00 Gift Card to the 1st Place Angler, \$25.00 Gift Card for the 2nd Place Angler.



Oyster Toadfish Tournament

Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023
- Awards determined by;
 - 1.Total Weight
 2. Date of catch
 3. Date of entry submission
- Additional Award for Best Oyster Toad Photo
- Entries submitted by email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com in the form of a Fishing Report; who was fishing, stating total weight, with photo of the fish on the scale
- Weighing need not be on a certified scale and may be done by the angler, just try an avoid weighing fish on a pitching boat
- No entry fee (we would never charge a fee for catching Toads)
- Winners will be determined by our Tournament Director

"AJ" Perez, the Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (OTTD)



NAC Holiday Party 2022

The Norfolk Anglers Club Holiday Party was another success in 2022. Check out everyone who is happy with their gift. Then look who the grenches were who stole gifts. We had a lot of fun at Boil Bay restaurant!





**WELCOME
TO 2023!**














THE VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION ***WANTS YOUR FISH.... TO MEASURE AND AGE.***



*You catch it, you fillet it,
but instead of throwing the remains in the trash,
please donate them to science.*

The Marine Sportfish Collection Project will focus on species of fish that are difficult to collect through the agency's normal sampling program. Anglers are asked to donate their filleted carcasses (head and tail intact) of legal and fresh-caught:

<u>BLUEFISH</u> (GREATER THAN 36 INCHES) 	<u>TAUTOG</u> 	<u>COBIA</u> 	<u>RED DRUM</u> 
<u>SHEEPSHEAD</u> 	<u>SPADEFISH</u> (GREATER THAN 12 INCHES) 	<u>SPANISH MACKEREL</u> (GREATER THAN 22 INCHES) 	<u>SPECKLED TROUT</u> (GREATER THAN 22 INCHES) 
<u>BLACK DRUM</u> 	<u>TILEFISH</u> (BLUELINE OR GOLDEN) 	<u>WRECKFISH, SNOWY GROUPERS, .</u> 	

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PER MONTH of the DONATION.**



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 Lynnhaven Municipal Marina (Virginia Beach)
 Mill's Marina (Seaford)



Fishing Reports...

2 DEC: A beautiful, crisp morning at 27 degrees. At 8:30 AM, John Curry and I found ourselves trolling the JRB for Stripers with an outgoing current. Our first pass with a red/white Stretch resulted in a 24-inch fish, but the bite was slow, and we started cannonballing a transparent Storm with red trim on 10 ounces of lead. Halfway thru our 2nd pass, we landed a beautiful 33-inch striper. With our two-person limit, we headed back to the dock for Christmas chores.



7 DEC: It was a warm but rainy day when John Curry called to see if Mary and I wanted to fish in the rain. Fishing the James River for Stripers isn't always Chocolate Cake; sometimes, it Fruit Cake. We made three passes at the JRB without a strike and headed in. Of course, we had to make a couple of passes at the Chuckatuck, and when Mary got the skunk off the boat, she lost one and landed a short 17-inch. In any event, it was a pleasant day on the river, and I do like Fruit Cake. (Sorry about the finger in the picture).

- Mary and Henry Troutner





25 DEC: Ho, ho, ho Merry Christmas to all.

- James Robinson

14 DEC: It was cloudy, 25 degrees, with only a breeze and incoming current. John Curry, Mary, and I headed to the JRB in John's boat. We had a few live eels from Saturday's trip to the bay and spent about an hour drifting them at the bridge's lift structure without a bite. We then moved on to trolling along the bridge. We started with a Red/White Stretch 20 and 25, and Mary lost two fish before boating them. After a while, we switched the 25 for a double chartreuse paddle tail, 5 oz and 1 ounce, and that was the ticket. The striped bass that hit on the paddle tails was a double 23 and 25 inches. We continued on and soon landed another 25 inches. With our 3-man limit, we headed in.
- Mary and Henry Troutner



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11 DEC: There was no wind forecasted by "Fishweather." John Curry, George Langdon, Mary, and I planned a day on the Bay. We would start by running the Shamrock across to Plantation Light and drifting eels on the incoming tide up to buoy 36, if things were slow, we'd head to the CBBT for Tautog. We arrived at the Dandy Point Ramp with no other boat on the lot and a steady NE wind with 3-foot waves.

We crossed the bay and set up with current and wind now opposing each other, but it gave us a decent drift along the edge of the deep ditch. We had floats with eels out at various depths: 20, 30, and 40 feet, and George was dragging the bottom. George immediately caught three 3-foot Dogfish, which ended bottom dragging.

After about two hours with no success, we headed to the CBBT. At the 4th Island, we were greeted by a wall of tide rips but managed to get anchored up. 1.5 hours later, we still hadn't even caught a toadfish. By this time, the wind had died down, and we had a nice run home.

Mary and Henry Troutner



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19 DEC: Burr, it's cold out there at 28 degrees. John Curry calls Mary and me and says it looks like a good day to fish. Sure, meet you in half hour. Once on the James, it was quite a bit windy, and it was rougher than we expected. Fortunately, we didn't have to put up with it for long. A Short troll 1/2 between the small boat channel and the lift on an outgoing current produced our three very nice fish, 36 inches, 35 1/2, and 26 inches. Red/White Stretch 25 was the ticket.

20 DEC: John Curry, George Langdon, and I hit the JRB, hoping for a repeat of yesterday's action. Although the wind and seas were much calmer, the fishing had also dropped off. After two trips between the lift and the small boat channel, we had only boated one striped bass, but a nice 29 inches caught on a red/white Stretch 25.

- Mary and Henry Troutner

2 DEC: BRRR, it was a cold morning on Elizabeth River going for Specks with Bert Sainz and Randy Reid. Slow, but we managed to catch a couple of quality trout. The water temperature was 51 degrees.

- Louis Glaser



21 Dec: Yeah, it was cold, really cold, in the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River just before Christmas. I ventured out of the Elizabeth River Park ramp (Jordan Bridge) mid-morning to try my luck on the speckled trout. The advantage of that ramp is there's good facilities and plenty of parking. The only disadvantage is the railroad lines that cross the river and jut before the park,...I had trains at each of them...really long and slow trains.

I did make it down to the Veterans Bridge area where I'd done well just a few weeks before but had no luck before moving over to "The Cove". There were a few other anglers there but the bite was very slow. I was fishing a Z-Man Pink/White jointed rubber paddle tail on a jig head. I had a couple of soft hits before a nice 23.25 inch trout slammed the lure and took off. After scooping it up in the net it was measured, tagged for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program, and released. I texted fellow Norfolk Anglers Bert Sainz, Ned Smith, and Andy Reid who were also fishing the ER to let them know there was at least one fish in the area. Despite my best efforts at the Cove, in Deep Creek, and St Julians Creek that was the only one for me.

- Will Bransom



28 Dec: I headed offshore with Mike Brown and fellow Norfolk Anglers Mike Hubert, Mike Burton, and Jere Humphrey to the Norfolk Canyon for swordfish and golden tilefish. As luck would have it about the time we made it to the swordfish area the +17 year old lower unit started acting up and seized. What else to do but start fishing and plan for a long ride back later. No luck on swordfish however after switching to deep dropping we landed on a nice bunch of golden tilefish and black belly rose fish. We landed 18 tiles and 17 rose fish before hitting our revised earlier departure and the 8 hour transit back to Rudee Inlet. I passed my satellite phone around to have everyone contact their families and let them know we're going to be late. Then called Capt Alex Perez, my USCG Float Plan contact and Capt Ed Schrader with Sea Tow Hampton Roads. They both followed me on AIS (I have an AIS transponder) until I made it to the ramp at 10:00pm.

It's always a good idea to have a Float Plan and a membership like Sea Tow Hampton Roads to back you up on the water.

- Will Bransom



Angler Interests

Virginia Marine Resources Commission votes on Atlantic Menhaden regulations



At the Commission's December meeting the Commission voted 5-4 to not accept the Marine Resource Commission's Staff Recommendations and instead implement a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with the Menhaden Fishery to not fish inside the Chesapeake Bay on weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day holidays, not to fish inside the Chesapeake Bay on July 4th and the federally recognized Holiday of the week, not to fish within 1/2 nm of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, and to work collaboratively with the

Governor's Office and General Assembly to address geographic buffers along the densely populated areas of the Eastern Shore, Chesapeake Bay, and Virginia Beach.

Public Hearings on Atlantic Striped Bass Draft Addendum I



The Atlantic coastal states of Maine through North Carolina have scheduled hearings to gather public input on Draft Addendum I to Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Striped Bass Interstate Fishery Management Plan, which considers allowing voluntary transfers of striped bass ocean commercial quota between states that have ocean quota.

The Board initiated Draft Addendum I in August 2021 after deciding that changes to the striped bass commercial quota system would not be considered during the ongoing development of Amendment 7. With the adoption of Amendment 7 earlier this year, the Board re-initiated discussions on Draft Addendum I to consider voluntary ocean quota transfers, which could provide some relief to states seeking additional quota. The Draft Addendum proposes a range of options that would permit voluntary transfers of ocean commercial quota, including options based on stock status and options allowing the Board to set criteria for transfers on a regular basis.

Thursday, January 5 Webinar Hearing 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing is for Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Potomac River Fisheries Commission & District of Columbia Dept. of Energy and Environment. Webinar information can be found on the ASMFC Public Hearing announcement.

Operation Paddle Smart: "If Found" Stickers available



When the Coast guard or local emergency responders receive a report or discover a paddle craft adrift, there is no way to determine if the vessel was washed off of a beach during high tide or was separated from its owner during the course of a boating accident.

To combat this growing problem, the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary have launched Operation Paddle Smart. The cornerstone of Paddle Smart is providing owners of kayaks, canoes, standup paddleboards, and other unregistered watercraft a free "If Found" sticker for their boat to help reduce the number of unnecessary search and rescue cases.

The stickers are weatherproof, reflective, and provide room for the vessel owner's name and two phone numbers using a waterproof marker. The "If Found" sticker should be placed in a highly visible location inside the vessel's cockpit or near the operators station. The stickers are weatherproof, reflective, and provide room for the vessel owner's name and two phone numbers using a waterproof marker.

The Norfolk Anglers Club was provided some of these "If Found" stickers by the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 5-9 from Smithfield, VA. If you would like to have one just send us an email with your name & address to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com. We'll send it to you free!

Angler Interests



Virginia Fuel Tax Refund Program

<https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/dmv-fueltax/#/>

A refund of the Virginia fuels tax paid on purchases of fuel in quantities of five gallons or more is available to any person provided that they have paid the fuels tax and that the fuel was used for an Eligible Use. What's an eligible use? Some of the eligible uses that qualify for a fuel tax refund are; used in operating or propelling recreational and pleasure watercraft, used in operating or propelling commercial watercraft, and diesel fuel used in a passenger car, pickup or panel truck, or truck having a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. The refund amount for diesel fuel tax is equal to the difference between the tax rate for diesel and the tax rate for gasoline.

How do I apply for a refund?

Registration is required the first time you use the Fuels Tax Online Refund system, thereafter, logon with your email address and the password you have chosen for your account. Read the system prompts carefully. First the claim is created then users must go to "Pending Claims", to add the claim(s) to the cart and check out.

What information do I need to file a fuels tax refund claim?

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.

Fuels Tax Rates

In accordance with Code of Virginia § 58.1-2217, the DMV Commissioner is required to levy an excise tax on motor fuels. In addition to the tax, § 58.1-2217 requires a storage tank fee to be imposed on motor fuels sold and delivered or used in the Commonwealth.

Fuel Type	Rates per Gallon July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	Rates per Gallon July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023
Gasoline	26.2 cents	28.0 cents
Diesel	27.0 cents	28.9 cents
Blended Fuels (Gasoline)	26.2 cents	28.0 cents
Blended Fuels (Diesel)	27.0 cents	28.9 cents
Aviation Fuels	5.0 cents	5.0 cents
Alternative Fuels (see below)	26.2 cents per gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE)	28.0 cents per gasoline gallon equivalent (GGE)
Storage Tank Fee	0.2 cents per gallon	0.6 cents per gallon

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