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# THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

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JANUARY 2016



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# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Happy New Year! Thanks to all who donated toys for the Sea Tow Holiday Toy Drive. A phenomenal success with more than 700 toys collected for Toys for Tots.

We've got a lot planned for this year for our club. Starting off with our annual Officer elections at the January meeting and the Mid-Atlantic Sports and Boat Show later in the month.

*Will*



## MEETING

Guest Speaker: Patrick McGrath, PhD,  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Topic: VIMS Acoustic Tagging program for Speckled Trout

Dr. Patrick McGrath is a Marine Scientist with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)/College of William & Mary studying White Perch and Longnosed Gar as well as monitoring American Shad and River Herring in Virginia. Dr. McGrath is also involved in Sturgeon research and the development of the acoustic tagging project for Speckled Trout.

Acoustic tagging enables researches to monitor Speckled Trout movement and water temperature during the project. Join us on Monday January 11th for an interesting presentation on acoustic tagging of Speckled Trout in the Elizabeth and Corrotoman Rivers.



## Important:

January Meeting: Monday, January 11th at 7 pm

## Location:

Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet

7525 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23505

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Thank You Norfolk Anglers Club for the outstanding support to the noble cause of collecting toys for the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots Program. This was a real team effort by the local fishing clubs and Sea Tow Hampton Roads Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive.

Our Toy Drive was able to collect over 700 individual toys that were given to the U.S Marines on December 11th 2015. With representatives from all the clubs in attendance helping load the boat, we enjoyed pizza with Marines and photo ops capturing toys overflowing on the Sea Tow Hannah.

Again, Thank You for your support in helping make this a success!

Karen & Ed Schrader

Sea Tow Hampton Roads



# Holiday Party

Our Annual Holiday Party was a resounding success and great fun for all! A thanks goes to Karen Schrader and Wendy Bransom for setting up and decorating for the event. We also appreciate the Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet for hosting us; it is a very nice place with great food. If anyone would like to have any of the party pictures, contact the Wireline Editor. You'll enjoy seeing the gift exchange pictures, we had some real grinchers stealing presents.

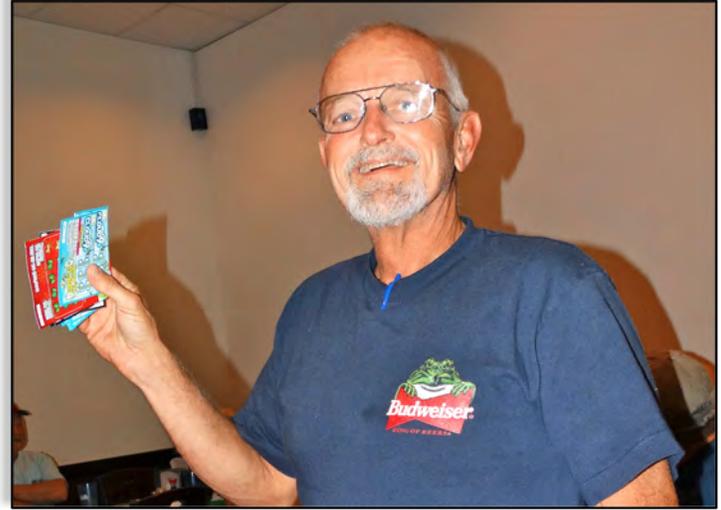


We had a nice selection of appetizers for the party, Spring Rolls, Pot Stickers, Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Fish and Shrimp.





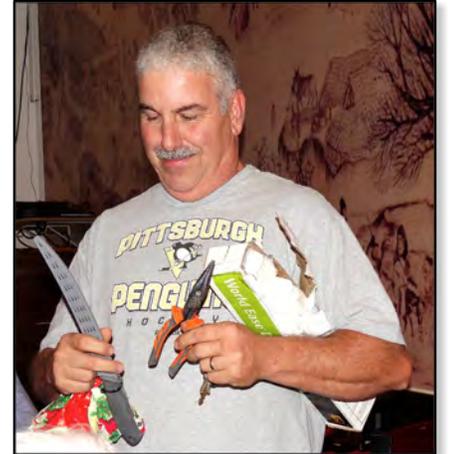
Norfolk Angler Club Members really enjoyed listening to N' Tune at our Holiday Party! N' Tune has been around since 2005. The groups members are Kevin Synoweic: Lead, Bill Banks: Base, Gene Hannon: Baritone and Henry Hancock: Tenor. They have a combined 100 years of experience. They perform at various gigs (Beach Street USA) and enjoy intimate engagements just like they performed for the Norfolk Anglers Club! *N' Tune very much enjoys singing and making everyone smile!*

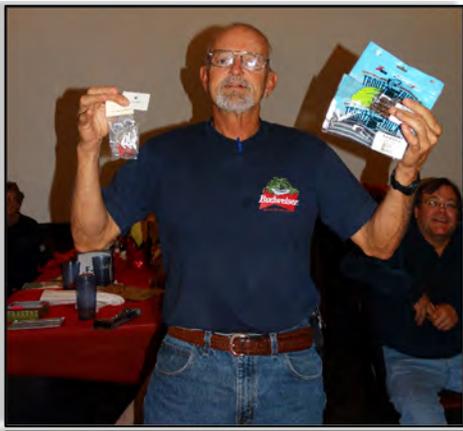


CONGRATS to Mike Hubert who won a Sea Tow Membership. For every toy donated to the Sea Tow Toy Drive, NAC members had their name put into a drawing for the Membership. Way to go Mike for all your donations to a worthy cause!



# The Grinches that stole gifts.....





# Fishing Reports...



30 November: Ned and I went tautog fishing on the CBBT on a beautiful day with light winds making the bay look like a big pool. We started fishing around the pilings above the 4th island but current was switching from incoming to outgoing so set up on 4th island tube. After a couple of different set ups we only had a couple of throwbacks and the boats around us weren't doing much either. When we reached the max peak current we headed for the 2nd Island. As soon as we anchored up and began fishing over the tube we started getting bites. First from small togs 12-15 inches then in no time we had our double limit of 6 of 16-19 inch fish. The fish were very aggressive and hungry. Over the last two hours of the outgoing current we caught over 16 fish. All were caught on green crab. Current was strong (1.3 mph) because of it being almost a New Moon but we set up on the back of the tube in about 16-18 ft.

- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



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# Blueline Tilefish at the Norfolk Canyon.

13 December: We took a group of four out to the Norfolk Canyon for Tilefish on a beautiful day. We left out of Little Creek Cove Marina at 6:00am and were on the fishing grounds in just over two hours. Our first drops were in search of Golden Tilefish but we came up short after trying a few spots. Very few boats were out at the Canyon for such a nice day.

We hadn't been fishing long before we heard a distress call for an Albemarle 24 dead in the water and taking on water less than two miles from our location. We arrived and found his "Buddy Boat" with him and we offered our assistance with an electric dewatering pump. They'd located the source of their leak and had it under control but we remained until assistance was coordinated with the USCG. We remained within a few miles of him and in radio contact throughout the day in the event additional assistance was needed.

We headed off to one of my Blueline Tilefish spots and using squid and mackerel it was game on! We landed our four person limit (28) of nice size Blueline Tiles in just a few hours.

We moved over to an offshore wreck and loaded up on Black Sea Bass just before dusk. Lots of small Sea Bass mixed in with the keepers.

- Will Bransom





10 December: Awesome trip offshore with 5 citations on the Classicrockfish. Kevin and I had just gotten our boat back from repair so this was the "test drive trip" LOL. We were so happy to finally get out for some fishing and the ride was beautiful with very little wind. The fish were definitely snapping and we managed a limit on sea bass. Bait used was crab including live fiddlers, cut bait and squid. Kevin caught a beautiful 5 lb. 4 oz. citation sea bass on a jig; I caught a 5 lb. sea bass citation jigging, as well as 2 trigger citations, and a bluefish weight citation. Rigs used were standard double bottom rigs with 5/0 hooks and 6/0 hooks. Jigs ranged various sizes up to 8 oz. We headed back and arrived to the dock around 6 pm. *What a great day on the water!*  
 - Beth Synowiec



12 December: I went fishing with my buddy Andy Reid. He tangled with this beautiful fish 47lb & 52" off the Eastern Shore side of the bay. His personal best. ...Great Catch Andy!.... - Bert Sainz

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# Catfishing on the James



15 December: It was a cold December morning on the James River near Hopewell. Steve Harding and I made the 2-hour trip from Norfolk and were on the water by 7:30am with Capt. Chris. We started out at 35 degrees and running 30 mph in an 18 ft. open center console, it was so coooold..... We first netted shad for bait and then began fishing around 8:30am. We worked fishing holes from 15 to 75 feet and from slack to fast currents. At 3:30pm, we stopped fishing; total fish count was 12 catfish ranging in weight from 12 to 38 plus lbs. I had a release citation of 38 inches (approx. 28 lbs.) and Steve had a 38 + lbs. weight citation. We plan to try again in January/February. - Ned Smith  
*Note: I truly miss winter speck fishing in the ER.*

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30 November: Caught forty plus togs in 2.5 hours. These 6 keepers were 17-19 inches. They were



caught on blue crab inside of the Thimble shoals channel along the bridge.  
 - Mike Delbridge

20 December: Taz, Jerry, Mikey and I left the dock at 11am for the 3rd Island. We caught twenty plus togs. Pictured are our twelve keepers. There were 16 - 22 inches. All were caught with different parts of blue crab. - Mike Delbridge





8 December: Caught a limit on Lynnhaven. I had six keepers to 19 inches out of seventeen. I was casting artificial plugs and jig heads. - Jimmy Robinson



14 December: There are still some nice specks in the Lynnhaven. Got this one on a Fat Boy! - James Robinson



*Got Yamahas!*

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24 November: Fished with Ned in late November looking for Tautog. Wind was relatively light but it had been rough earlier and the water was still kicked up. Tried to fish the piling north of the 4th but the current was raging. We hadn't checked the moon phase and it turned out to be the full moon so current was almost 2 knots making fishing on the columns impossible. Settled into the 4th island with the incoming and picked up several throwbacks but only one was a 17.5 incher. This ended up being the only keeper for the day. Above is the USS Eisenhower CVN 69 that was heading out as we fished at the 2nd Island. - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower

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20 December:  
 Caught a nice one on a great day, 21 inch in Lynnhaven. Got him on a fat boy and it fell out like a Rockfish. There are still a few strays in the Lynnhaven. They are hard to find and slow to bite, but very much worth the effort!  
 - Jimmy Robinson



15 December:  
 Caught a seven ounce Yellow Perch in Lake Meade, Suffolk, Virginia. Earned a Citation!  
 - Steve Harding



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29 December: 15 1/2 inch keeper on a Paul brown fat boy mirror lure!

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## Off Season Maintenance - Trailers

What better time than during the off-season to take care of a few projects, like getting some preventative maintenance on your trailer. Nothing can ruin a well-planned day on the water than sitting on the side of the road because of a trailer issue. Let's face it; your boat, rods, reels, and tackle get more attention than your trailer during the fishing season. Now is the time for some trailer care.

### Lights

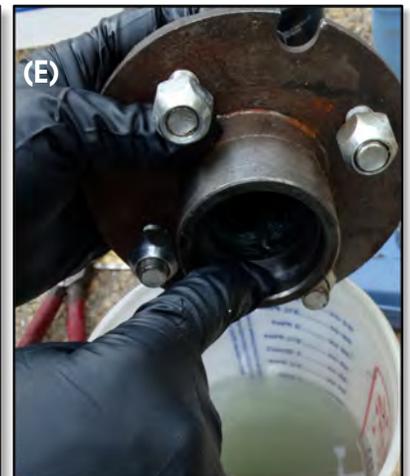
You should be checking your lights prior to getting on the road. Ensure all the lights are working. Pull the lense cover off and inspect the bulb holder and wiring for corrosion. Have spare fuses? Pack a few extra fuses in the glove box. Tip: If your trailer doesn't have brakes, unplug the wiring harness before backing down into the water. Energizing the lights while submerged can blow fuses and burn out bulbs.

For trailers with brakes you can unplug the harness but you'll need to provide a connection to the blue wire. The blue wire controls the brake solenoid so you can back down without locking up the brakes.

### Bearings

Probably the most overlooked maintenance item for trailers and a leading cause of roadside problems. Once you've safely chocked your trailer to prevent it from moving, jack it up and support it with stands. It's easier to work on the wheel hub and bearings with the tire removed first. Remove the bearing cap, cotter key, and retaining nut. Some hub systems use a stamped castellated retainer (A) over the retaining nut. You should be able to easily remove one of the bearings. The other bearing is held in by the grease seal on the inside of the hub.

Once the hub is removed from the axle spindle remove the inner grease seal to get to the other bearing. You can use a screwdriver to pry it out or use a seal removal tool (Lisle 56750) (B). Once the bearings are removed you'll need to remove all the grease so you can inspect them for wear, corrosion, and damage. Use a solvent such as Mineral Spirits and a stiff bristle brush to clean the grease from the bearings (C). Once clean use your fingers to rotate the bearings while looking for damage (D). It's a good idea to use gloves to protect your hands from solvent and grease. Also inspect the bearing race, it's the part pressed into the hub which the bearings ride against (E). Any signs of pitting, corrosion, or damage and they must be replaced. Always replace bearings and races at the same time.



Before reinstalling the bearings you'll need to load them with grease by taking a dollop of grease in your palm and scraping the bearing edge into the grease (F). When you see it pushing out of the top rotate the bearing and continue until the bearing is fully loaded with grease. After you install the inner bearing you'll need to reinstall a new grease seal before placing the hub back on the axle. Once the hub is back on the axle install the outer bearing, the washer, retaining nut taking time to make sure it's fully seated and tightened/torqued correctly.



Replace the castellated retainer and align it with the hole in the axle (G), insert a new cotter key and bend over both tips over the axle (H). Replace the bearing cap and use a grease gun to fill with grease (I). Last thing is to install the tire and safely lower the trailer back on the ground.



## Tires

Inspect your tires for wear but more importantly check them for dry rot. Parking your tires on grass or other wet areas will hasten tire deterioration. A prepared surface such as concrete is far better surface to park your trailer. Check for proper tire inflation frequently during the season and keep your tires covered to prevent sun damage. Information on correct tire pressure and load range is printed on the sidewall of the tire (J). Consider replacing your tires every 6-7 years depending on usage and condition. Tires WILL GO BAD sitting around from dry rot, moisture and sun damage. For tires made after 2000, look on your tire along the inner rim for an oblong stamp with a 4 digit code (K). The first two digits are the week and the last two are the year of manufacture. For example: 3005 would mean the 30th week of 2005 or the last full week of July 2005. For tires made before 2000 it's a 3 digit code with the first two digits being the week and the last digit the year. Hopefully your tires aren't 15+ years old.



## Tie Downs and Other Stuff

Tie downs need to be inspected for wear, cuts, or sun damage. Replace any that have even a slight bit of damage.

Trailer Jack; many vehicle jacks aren't designed for trailers. Make sure you have a jack that's rated for your trailer load, that's boat, fuel, coolers w/ice, and all the "other stuff".

Wheel Chocks; Even though having the trailer hitched to the vehicle provides security for the trailer, it's a good idea to also chock the vehicle and trailer before jacking it up.

Spare Wheel Hub; It may seem like overkill, but if you ever seize a bearing you'll be thankful you have a spare hub instead of beating a bearing race out alongside the road with a rock and a screwdriver. For trailers without brakes, a spare hub is inexpensive and an easy swap while on the road. Put everything you need to swap the hub in a tub container; grease, cotter key, wrench, pre-greased bearings, gloves and some rags (L).



# Angler Interests

## VMRC Public Hearing on 2016 Flounder and Black Sea Bass Regulations: January 12, 2016



Jan 12, 2016: The Virginia Marine Resource Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to gather public comment on a ASFMC Draft Amendment to 2016 Flounder and Black Sea Bass recreational fisheries management. Draft Amendment XXVII proposes the continued use of regional management approaches for Flounder for 2016. and includes an option for the Delaware Bay specific region. The Draft Amendment also proposes two options for the Black Sea Bass recreational fishery; (1) A Coast wide management measure or (2) Continued Regional Management Measures.

The Norfolk Anglers Club will be discussing the ASFMC Draft Amendment at the January 11th meeting. Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Rob O'Reilly, Chief Fisheries Management Division, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave, Newport News, VA 23607 or to ASFMC Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, Kirby Rootes-Murdy, 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201

VMRC Public Hearing location and time:                      January 12, 2016 at 6 PM  
Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
2600 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor Conference Room  
Newport News, Virginia 23607

## Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number



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An MMSI number functions much like a phone number and allows boaters with DSC-VHF radios to make a touch-of-a-button emergency call that automatically transmits vital information to all other DSC-VHF radios within the caller's area.

When connected to a Global Positioning System (GPS) the radio will transmit the caller's position and type of distress and display it as an icon on the chart plotters of boats that receive the call. The system then determines the distance and heading to the distressed vessel, thus allowing nearby boaters to assist in cases where they are closer than the U.S. Coast Guard (please follow the instructions of the U.S. Coast Guard in all emergency situations.). Additionally, MMSI numbers allow boaters to connect directly to other boaters and marine assistance dispatchers with DSC-VHF radios, which will decrease the amount of traffic on commonly used radio channels.

When installed in your DSC-VHF radio, MMSI numbers can be used by the U.S. Coast Guard for search and rescue purposes within Rescue 21 service areas.

As part of our commitment to your boating safety, Sea Tow issues MMSI numbers for your DSC-VHF radios on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard (recreational boats within the domestic United States). You can get your MMSI number for FREE by visiting <http://mmsiregister.seatow.com/> to get started.

# Angler Interests

## South Atlantic Fishery Management Council increases Blueline Tilefish Recreational Limit



Management measures for blueline tilefish, yellowtail snapper and black sea bass were also approved at the December Council meeting. Regulatory Amendment 25 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan will specify new annual catch limits for blueline tilefish in the South Atlantic, allowing the recreational bag limit to increase from 1 fish per vessel/per day from May through August to a 3 fish per person/day May through August within the 3-fish aggregate grouper bag limit. Recreational harvest is prohibited the remainder of the year. The amendment would also increase the commercial trip limit from 100 pounds (gutted weight) to

300 pounds. The Council approved a conservative increase to the annual catch limit after receiving the results of recent research on the genetic population structure of blueline tilefish that do not indicate the existence of distinct population segments. Genetic Studies to determine the range of the stock along the Atlantic coast continue and a new stock assessment for blueline tilefish is scheduled for 2017. Note: The SAFMC regulation change affects the Blueline fishery from North Carolina southward. The SAFMC changes do not affect Virginia regulations.

## FREE Boater Safety Certification Class



February 20, 2016: Sponsored by the Virginia Beach Anglers Club on Saturday Feb 20th from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Foundry United Methodist Church (Next to Beach Ford), 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd, Virginia Beach, VA. Limited availability! RSVP to reserve your seat by email at [vbanglersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbanglersclub@gmail.com) or call Butch Eason (757) 681-6019 or Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

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



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.*

## 63rd Mid-Atlantic Sports and Boat Show: January 29-31, 2016



Friday January 29th: Noon-9pm  
Saturday January 30th; 10am-8pm  
Sunday, January 31st: 10am-5pm  
Admission: \$8 Adults, Children 12 & under FREE  
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**Next Meeting JULY 30TH**