

Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Lots of fishing tournaments in July! Check out the ODU Cobia Monarch Classic, John B. Lapentina Memorial Flounder Tournament by the Kiwanis Club of Ocean View, and the Virginia Beach Flounder Tournament. We've also got a few club events of our own on Saturday (13 July) we're picking up around the EOV Community Center and then on Thursday (18 July) we're hosting the EOV Community Center children to fish on their pier from 10:00am-2:00pm and providing them lunch.

Don't forget about the Military Appreciation Day (MAD) Tidewater event in August. Consider volunteering your time and take some Active Duty Service Personnel out for a day of fishing.

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Meeting

Guest Speaker: Captain Brandon Cook with Reel Fish'n Charters, LLC on Offshore Fishing; Wreck, Bottom, or Trolling.

We're very pleased to have Capt Brandon Cook joining us for the July meeting to talk about offshore fishing. Whether it's wreck fishing for Sea Bass, bottom fishing for Flounder or setting up on the troll for Mahi, *Reel Fish'n Charters* puts their customers

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Brandon's tips and techniques
targeting Sea Bass, Flounder and
Mahi.

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Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, 8 July at 7pm

Location:

<u>Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill</u> 7525 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23505

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<u>July</u>

Mon, July 8th, Club Meeting
Sat, July 13th, EOV Community Center and
Lake Whitehurst Boat Ramp Clean Up day
Thurs, July 18th, EOV Rec Center Children's
Pier Fishing & Cookout
Tues, July 23rd, VMRC Meeting

August

Mon, August 5th, EOV Community Center Children's Headboat Trip & Cookout Mon, August 12th, Club Meeting Tues, August 27th, VMRC Meeting



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Capt Brandon Cook will be our Guest Speaker for the July meeting. Anglers can find more about Captain Brandon Cook and *Reel Fish'n Charters* by checking out their Facebook page at Reel Fish'n Charters, LLC.



1. Saturday July 13th, 8:00-9:30am: Need a few volunteers to help out with picking up around the EOV Community Center (9520 20th Bay, St. Norfolk)

- 2. Thursday July 18th, 10:00am-2:00pm: Just a couple more folks needed to help the kids fishing on the EOV Community Center Pier (9520 20th Bay, St. Norfolk).
- 3. Monday August 5th: Still need 7-8 folks to help out on the Headboat for the EOV Community Center Children's Fishing Trip.

Sign-up at the July meeting or send an email to Wendy at NorfolkAnglersClubEditor@gmail.com

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Fishing Tips...

Casting on Cobia: Captain Austin Hayne, FINAO Sportfishing

Over the years Charter Captains will adapt their rigs and techniques for targeting a species. For Captain Austin Hayne and *FINAO Sportfishing* casting artificial lures and live baits remains the primary method for catching cobia. Some things have changed over the years as Capt Hayne explained. Hook size and selection, as well as braid line class have changed. A few things have remained the standard like having a quality pair of sunglasses and the use of spinning rods.

Capt Hayne explains for casting distance he selects a spinning rod and goes with 50# braided line. Rod action will vary between live baiting and jigging rods but he explained you don't need an expensive set of rods for

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cobia. In fact, for jigging he prefers the Ugly Stik® rods from 6'6" to 7'6". He explained that for casting distance and accuracy he looks for a stiffer tip and added while they're not expensive rods they can still take lots of abuse. When it comes to live baiting (bait fish and eels) he looks for a rod that will bend the entire length of the pole not just at the rod tip. All of his rods are spooled with 50# braided line in a hi vis yellow. He explained, the hi vis braided line will be easier to see when looking down on the water. Line color means nothing to the cobia but everything when you're trying to track the fish and manuever the boat. All his rigs are set up using a leader of monofilament (artificials) or fluorocarbon (live bate) and tied with Uni Knots.

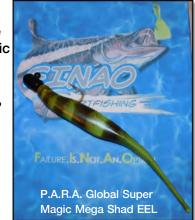
Spotting cobia near the surface on a bright sunny day means you must have a good pair of sunglasses. Capt Hayne prefers the Costa 580G sunglasses with a green mirror finish and amber lense. Along with the glasses you'll need a hat and a buff to minimize the glare. He added the sun can be brutal out on the water so you'll need to protect yourself from the sun. He keeps the buff down around his neck and pulls it up to his sunglasses to cut the glare off the water. Sunscreen and long sleeve shirts aren't a bad option either.





When rigging artificial lures like bucktail jigs and surface lures a 24 inch 80# monofilament leader is used. The 2.0 to 2.5 ounce bucktails are preferred for casting distance. Captain Hayne recommends you select bucktail jigs in bright colors like pink, orange, yellow, or white. The brighter colors make the lure easier to spot in the water as you work it and the contrast helps the cobia see it too. Select bucktails with strong hooks. Cobia are powerful fish and cheaper commercially mass-produced jig-head hooks don't always survive the fight.

Another artificial lure *FINAO* will throw occasionally is the P.A.R.A. Global Super Magic Mega Shad EEL 9" Inch (pictured right). Capt Hayne explained the Mega Shad lure is a tapered soft plastic with great swimming action. On a slower retrieve it swims similar to an eel and during a faster retrieve its tail swims more like a fleeing bait fish. He added, the cobia seem to always strike this lure from the side rather from behind. So, let the cobia eat it before setting the hook.



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Surface poppers are something *FINAO* has started using when the cobia just aren't interested in anything else. Captain Hayne explained, sometimes you'll have all the right weather and sea conditions, be around lots of fish, making all the right casts, and the cobia won't eat. It's very frustrating and time to throw something different to the fish, something the cobia haven't seen before, and that something is a surface popper. He'll place it in front of a group of cobia and start working it. One of them is going after it! Surface poppers have a large concave face that creates lots of surface commotion when worked in short quick retrieves. This action entices a strike as the fish compete for the lure. Pictured right are the 6" Yo-Zuri Bull Pop mad the Nomad "Chug Norris 120" surface poppers. The Yo-Zuri features double x3 strong treble hooks and a slightly shallower front popper. The Nomad surface popper has a much deeper front face and opposing single hooks.



Your presentation begins when you spot the cobia in the distance. Maneuvering the boat at a constant motor rpm to keep the sun at your back and the cobia in sight. Capt Hayne added, when you're approaching a cobia keep the motor rpm the same. The sound of changing rpm or shifting in/out of gear most often scares the cobia and

they'll go under. If possible, you'll want the sun at your back, it makes the cobia easier to follow (less glare) and makes it difficult for the fish to see you. Once you're in casting range, make your casting to place the lure/bait 10-15 feet in front of the cobia and then start working in to them. Never cast over the cobia and let the line drape over their back, it creeps them out and they'll go down, he added. If the cobia is near the surface keep your lure within a foot or two of the surface allowing it to rise up and fall down as it approaches the cobia. When the cobia turns toward your lure to strike be ready to set the hook. With bucktail and jig heads Captain Hayne recommends setting the hook hard after the cobia sucks in your lure.



Captain Hayne shared, live bait works best and a nice lively large croaker can't be resisted by a cobia. For live bait *FINAO* uses a Gamakatsu 8/0 Octopus Circle Hook (x4 strong). He recommends the x4 strong hooks as they hold up far better without breaking or straightening out. He'll hook the croaker by inserting the circle hook through the open mouth and hooking it upward through the croaker's nostril. By not hooking (and closing) the lower jaw it allows the croaker to survive longer and be more lively. Unlike the J-Hooks found on the bucktails and jig head, using circle hooks requires a bit of patience and no quick hook set. Once the cobia inhales the bait, the angler needs to allow the circle hook to do what it's designed to do, work its way to the corner of the fish's jaw.

Captain Hayne recommends keeping the bail of the spinning reel open and finger grasping the line as the fish takes the live bait. You'll feel when the circle hook makes its own hook set and then it's time to close the bail and fight the fish. The great advantage of the circle hook is once it's set, it rarely pulls free.

For rigging live eels he'll use the same 8/0 circle hook and insert the hook upward from under the eel's jaw and out a nostril (mouth closed). Unlike croakers and spot, eels are a very hardy and lively bait. Handling them can be a challenge so he recommends using a wet rag to keep a grip on them when rigging. Capt Hayne will keep them in a bucket of water or the live well until ready to cast. That keeps them

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as lively and makes for the best natural presentation as possible. The question is often asked "What size eel works best?" Capt Hayne answered every size eel will work but he preferred eels on the larger size. How large? "BIG" - he answered. Cast your live bait just as you would a bucktail placing it about 10-15 feet in front of the cobia and try and keep it in front of the cobia where it'll see it. If the cobia is spooked by the splash and starts to go down, let

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your bait drop down as well. Try and keep your live bait in front of the cobia as long as possible. This is where having your finger and thumb pinching the mainline help, you can feel everything on the line, the movement of the bait as well as the strike of the cobia.





Captain Hayne encourages fellow anglers practice good conservation techniques when landing and handling fish. Never handle a fish by the gills if its going to be released, handle them with care and wet hands or cloth. Always revive a fish after a long fight and you'll get to catch it again on another day. Consider using the net if the fish is anywhere close to the legal size.

Captain Hayne shared a few questions he's often asked by fellow anglers and customers.



Q: Do you "tip" your bucktails? Rarely do I add anything to the bucktail jig. It depends on the situation and where I'm going. Early in the season, like June or early July, it seems to work, especially when there's lots of boats working the area. I only add a small piece of cut squid, like maybe two inches long.

Q: Are cobia towers absolutely necessary? The advantage of a cobia tower is to get up high enough to spot the cobia far enough a way to manuever the boat on them. With bright sunlight and a good swell being high will make spotting cobia easier. Boats that don't have a tower will do fine in conditions with a little choppy water as well as when it's nearly flat calm. When it's flat calm being low to the water has the advantage. Cobia near the surface will leave a tail wake or sometimes be "finning the surface" and you'll see that more easily near the water. Once you locate the fish there isn't an advantage to the tower except as a casting platform.

Q: Are any areas of the Bay better for finding cobia? That's a tough question because as the season changes the behavior of the cobia changes and so do their movements. Early in the season, I like to target cobia off the Virginia Beach oceanfront. These cobia are moving up the coast toward the bay in early May and will start to move back out later in the season around mid-August. For mid-season cobia a great place to start is the Bay Bridge Tunnel 4th Island area. While you might find a few free-swimming cobia, keep an eye out for cownose rays. Cobia will be around the rays. I find the bay side of the eastern shore holds lots of cobia so it's a great place to start.

Q: Do you use a Gaff or Net? That's really an angler's choice. Mostly, I'll use a net and it's a BIG net! It's a Frabill "Big Kahuna" and measures 40x44 inches and is something like 4 feet deep. If you work a cobia alongside the boat to a point where you can get it in the net, the fish will generally be calmer in the boat. At times though when you clearly have a keeper fish and it's fighting hard and can't be worked into net range, there's the gaff option. When you gaff a cobia you can expect it to go crazy when it lands in the boat. Just be prepared for the craziness after the gaff and remember it still has a hook or jig in its mouth.



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Fishing Reports....

27 May: My friend Jay Brooks had his boat, the Smoke Show, take a day off from charter fishing to see if we could get into the Mahi action off the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

We left the dock at Pirate's Cove and cleared Oregon Inlet by 6am. We ran to the area known as the Triple Zeros, an area a little over 40 miles Northeast of the inlet.





We came across a scattered weed line and put out Ballyhoo and Sea Witch combinations of different colors.

On the way out we've been watching the water temperature climb from 66 degrees to 74 degrees, where we decided to start fishing.

Approximately 10 minutes into having the full trolling spread out, we see a Mahi streaming towards the baits with its dorsal fin and tail exposed. With anticipation, we try to predict which rod gets hit first and it turns out to be one I'm standing next to.

With our first fish in the box, the action continues throughout the morning with a Mahi caught on an average of every 20-25 minutes. The fish were perfectly spaced out through the day with the last bite being a quadruple hook up of which we caught three of the four fish.

We ended the trip on the right note with the last fish being the largest Mahi of the day at 30 pounds. Pink or red and white were the hot Sea Witch colors of the day.

- Alex Perez



24 June: Nick Wright and I went past the 4th Island fishing for flounder. The morning was windy but settled down late morning and afternoon. Our rigs included a bottom jig and an inline bare hook. We used cut flounder and croaker strips with an occasional gulp. The bite started immediately and was steady. We finished with a limit of 8 flounder, 17 to 22", and 10 throw backs. We caught most of the fish on the top hook. We also got our share of toad fish! This was our first successful trip to the CBBT. – Ned Smith



19 June: Taylor Lyne and I decided to check out the Little Creek jetty this morning. I fished with nightcrawlers with # 8 size hook and Taylor using 1/4 ounce jigs. We ended up with 45 croakers, spot, blow toads and 2 specks. It was amazing the size of the fish this time of the year! – Louis Glaser



4 June: Nick and I fished the Lynnhaven for flounder. We started on an incoming tide and ended on an outgoing tide. It was windy and the water was 73 degrees and fairly clean. We caught 4 flounder keepers up to 19 1/2" and a nice roundhead. We had no throw backs. All the fish were caught in water 15 to 25 ft. deep, using minnows and spot strips. - Ned Smith







31 May: Mary, John Curry and I fished for stripers on the Chuckatuck Creek. We trolled stretch's and cast some hard plugs and jigs.

Mary was the only one to have any luck. She caught two, both on stretch's. The first was short at about 18" but the second measured 26 1/2" and came home for dinner.

- Henry Troutner



24 June: I was live baiting in the creek on a Monday. I wish the bite was as hot as the temperature which was 95 degrees. Two hours was all I could take! - James Robinson



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1 June: Angela Adams and I took Magic Carpet to the second island of the CBBT for a "quick trip" before we gassed up the boat. It was an impromptu event but was very fun and successful. We left Bay Point Marina a little after 2:30pm to find an outgoing tide with clean warm bay water of about 73 degrees. I had hopes of putting Angela on a bluefish or two then to Cove Marina for fuel. When we got to the second island there were a couple spade fisherman there, we had to dodge them to get on my favorite patterns. It took less that 10 minutes to start catching fish. It was Angela's first time trolling with planers but she picked up the technique fast.

The bluefish bite was slow but the spanish mackerel bite was hot and consistent with some fish coming close to citation size. Our "quick trip" lasted about 2 1/2 hours! We caught 1 or 2 blues but boated a bunch of spanish. I lost count but it was "A LOT." The sham of the trip was we didn't bring any ice (we were just going to fuel up the boat) so it was all catch and release. Even so, it was a blast! - Mike Hubert











14 June: With the wind on a steady blow we've be getting some fishing in on the James River and it's tributaries with our friend John Curry from the Coast Guard Auxilary. As usual, Mary out fished me about 2 to 1. Were targeting catfish for catch and release but Mary also caught a 21" striper which we kept but didn't get a picture. Bait was frozen bunker. – Henry Troutner





23 June: I caught a 60 inch Cobia at the 12 mile marker at the CBBT. I caught two at the same time but was stuck fighting one while the other circled my boat. I called on the radio for help. After putting one fish in the rod holder I kept circling the boat with the other. Finally I got someone to respond to my boat. He took the rod and was fighting the fish for at least 15 minutes. He finally had his wife try to net it, not big enough. After numerous try's the fish threw the hook. I gaffed mine. When he brought my rod back he stated the one he lost was bigger. He just did not have the equipment to land it. – Jerry Hughes

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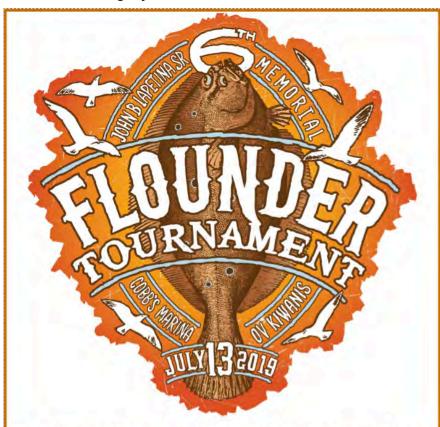
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19 June: At the CBBT middle ground area, we caught 7 cobia, but only one keeper. Then I got on some flounder, caught 7 flounder with 3 keepers at 19 inches. We also had several grey trout and kept one. Jerry Hughes caught the 40" cobia. All cobia were caught on cut menhaden. Flounder were caught with bucktails with gulp and fresh cut bluefish strips.

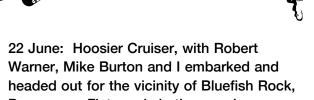
- Russell Willoughby



The 6th Annual John B. Lapetina Sr. Memorial Flounder Tournament, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Ocean View!! The Captains Meeting is Friday night July 12th @ Cobb's Marina & Weigh-in is on Saturday, July 13th @ 5:00 at Cobb's Marina. The BBQ-Blues-Beer Dinner starts at 5:00 along with the SILENT AUCTION! Make plans to come out & help us raise money for our local Ocean View kids!!

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headed out for the vicinity of Bluefish Rock,
Poquouson Flats early in the morning even as
small craft warnings were expiring. Inspired
by Austin Hayne's most recent NAC
discussion, our goal was to entice some
keeper Cobia into the boat while chumming
and teasing w/eels. Once we got out onto the
flats, the wind was still blowing 15-20 mph
from the north and the chop from the previous
day had not died down. Regardless, we fed
an even dozen eels to the sharks and caught
a few nice Spanish Mackerel on the way back
to the barn, and of course by the time we
returned to home base, the weather was
gorgeous. We'll get those Cobia next time!
- Mike Davis





1 June: Cobia Chumming at Buckroe: I joined the crowd of 2 dozen plus vessels off Buckroe Beach and chummed for cobia. I ended up with one 26 inch off an eel and a 12 inch on my croaker/roundhead/bait rod. I ran a 3 rod spread between 1 bottom rig and 2 floats. There was a citation size cobia caught by a boat about 200 yards away. I was told 4 keeper cobia were caught off the pier that day.

20 June: I fished the area underneath the base pier at NOB after work. The base fishing pier itself is closed due to a large crack along its structure. I fished jigheads and assorted soft plastics marinated with Pro-Cure Scent targeting flounder. I landed 2 dink flounder and had another flounder that followed. I am trying to learn to target flounder effectively without using Gulp. On most casts, small croaker would hit the soft plastic tails and never get hooked.



3 June: I fished at the CBBT with Mike Hubbert, Henry Troutner and Alex Perez. We started off working CBBT pilings with the intention of catching sheepshead, but



never got one. We did get a lot of small weakfish on live fiddler crabs. Afterwards, we switched to fishing assorted bottom structures along the CBBT. We landed the usual assortment of piling critters - OT, BSB, and flounder. I managed to land a 16 and 18 inch flounder and kept the legal one. I fished a drift rig with a spinner/plastic squid skirt, strip bait, and live minnow trailer combination. We also found some Spanish mackerel trolling around the islands. Oddly enough, we only landed 1 small bluefish trolling.

23 June: Eastern Shore: We started off the day trying to chum for cobia. Unfortunately, our anchor would not hold with the heavy current even after connecting every single mooring line to the anchor line. During this hour of fumbling around, we spotted 2 cobia along the surface. Needless to say, always be rigged and ready upon leaving the dock during cobia season. We switched gears and headed off the High Rise area of CBBT and trolled towards the end of the outgoing into the beginning of the incoming.



We landed over 30 Spanish mackerel in about 1.5 hours and had 10 keepers. The rod closest to the piling got more hits, but we had many instances of doubles. I even got 1 casting with a Big Nic Spanish Candy Jig while the rest of the crew reset the rods. We ran No 1 and No 2 Old Salty Planers with gold and electric chicken pattern Bowed Up Spoons. Since my crew was interested in flounder, we left



the Spanish biting and went upinto the inlet to flounder fish. We set 2 rods with drift rigs and live minnows in the rod holders. Each of us also jigged a Gulp mullet and 1/2 jighead. We finished with 10 flounder with 4 being keepers and 1 keeper flipping out of the net. – Brian Tsai

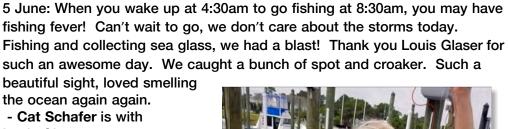


23 June: Mary, John from the C.G. Aux. and I fished on a Sunday. We hit the Brass Spike and Hustler for sea bass and it was a very slow pick to say the least. We then ran in to the tower reef where we picked up 2 flounder, some assorted trash fish including a citation toad fish. Lots of big spadefish swimming around the boat. We did have 2 floats out with clam but no takers. – Henry Troutner



7 June: Doug Wilburn and I fished around the Pretty lake bridge catching bait fish. We caught about 20 keepers, spot and croakers. We finally had the decent size croakers showing up.

- Louis Glaser



- Cat Schafer is with Louis Glaser (from Facebook)















Reel Fish'N was spread out in June. We first got a jump on the blueline tilefish around the Norfolk Canyon in about 250-300 feet.

The next trip we went out with a friend on his boat about 10-15 miles straight south of the Norfolk Canyon and trolled up. I was very lucky and excited to have been able to catch my first marlin on his boat. Really awesome day with nice tuna and dolphin as well.

The next time out was around the CBBT, mainly close to the high rise. Reel Fish'N fished hard around the anglo African and some other near shore wrecks, picking up a few nice keeper flounder. As soon as the tide started to slow and switch, it was red HOT action on the bridge. The bite stayed really good even when you had to use 8 ounces to get to the bottom. Really great flounder fishing so far.

- Brandon Cook









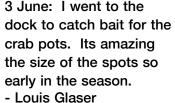
31 May: I went fishing with Doug Wilburn on a nice morning going for spanish mackerel off Cape Henry. We limited out and also had a few small blues.



- Louis Glaser

2 June: Will Branson and I decided to check crab pots after baiting them with spanish mackerel carcasses. Within 24 hours they were at least 48 crabs, mostly Jimmy's. It is a great year for crabs!







26 June: I fished with Dave on a Wednesday in Little Creek and located some nice spot at the entrance to Longboard Restaurant. We used night crawlers for bait. There were plenty of croakers. - Louis Glaser





6 June: I tagged and released five little ones in the Creek on a hot Wednesday before I got this fat keeper. Round heads full of roe and some large Spot showed up.

- James Robinson



We still caught some flounder 17 1/2 and 18 inches, but the wind increased and made our drift difficult. So we headed to the

25 June: I fished with Russell Willoughby and Ronnie Nixon along the CBBT. Our targets were flounder and spadefish. While jigging for flounder I suddenly found myself fighting something

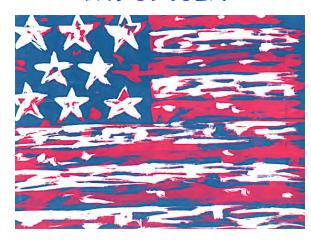
> way bigger than a flounder. The fish kept pulling down deep and we thought it might be a a drum or maybe a big sheepshead. Fighting it was not easy with my Calcutta flounder rig. With all the head shakes and drag pulling.

It wasn't until I got it right next to the boat that I realized it was cobia and then it started fighting hard but Russell got it netted quickly. Weighed and measured, it was 32 oounds and 46 inches. The problem was we didn't have a big cooler long enough for it so I released it after reviving it. Cobia was not on our plan.

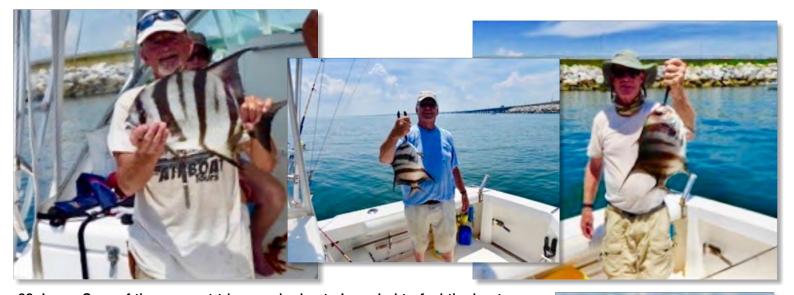
islands and look for spadefish. Russell's side-scan sonar eventually put us on some fish but they were too small so we moved until we found decent-sized spadefish. I ended up with the four fish limit, kept three of them and we threw back maybe a half-dozen. Ronnie kept two. Russell got us on the fish and it was a surprise filled fishing trip for me. Thanks Russell! - Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower

27 June: Bert Sainz and I flounder fished the third island and caught seven keepers. The largest 23 inches. Most were caught jigging with a piece of Cobia belly. - Louis Glaser

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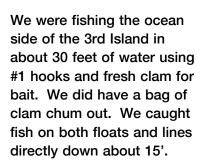


28 June: Spur of the moment trips can be best. I needed to fuel the boat, wanted to get in a little Spade fishing and didn't want to deal with HRBT traffic. I planned to head to the boat about 9am. As I mentioned my plans to friends they started to jump on the plan. Mary, my daughter Kait, John and George from the C.G. AUX and I all ended up going. After fueling at Little Creek (slowest pump in the world) we headed to the 3rd Island and were set up and fishing at

11:30am.

The bite wasn't crazy but steady. Bait caught the first fish, about a 4 feet long houndfish that jumped like a marlin. Then we started catching spadefish.

I got the first fish at 5.5 pounds and we continued to catch 4 to 5 pound fish until 2pm when we headed back in to avoid traffic going home.















June: It's been a good month in the Bay with quite a few small and keeper cobia over at Latimer Shoal, a pretty decent Flounder bite at the 4th Island and of course, the great Spadefishing everybody seems to be joining in on at the Islands. Nothing like watching a kid tangle with a large Spadefish!

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29 June: I fished with Bert Sainz and Burt Witt going for flounder. We had a long day with only 3 keepers. We're going back to spot and croaker. - Louis Glaser







June 29: Fishing this past week has been awesome! Most days producing double digit Cobia, Big Spades, and TONS of Spanish Mackerel!

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June 28: What a great offshore fishing day with perfect weather and hungry Black Sea Bass. Six person limit with four Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Citations up to 6 pounds!

Reel Fish'n Charters, LLC



June 22: Half day trip that started off strong! When we got to where we were fishing we were rigging up some baits and right off the side of the boat comes a pair of nice fish. Hooked one up 53 inches in 10 seconds of fishing from downstairs! We caught them all afternoon and also got a box full of Spanish.

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NOTICE TO OFFSHORE FISHING FLEET EAST OF NC AND VA

OFFSHORE BATHYMETRIC SURVEY ACTIVITY

JUNE – OCTOBER, 2019

This summer and fall, Avangrid Renewables will continue to study the Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Lease Area (OCS-A 0508) by conducting High Resolution Geophysical Surveys. The purpose of the surveys is to characterize seabed/sub-surface conditions in the Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Lease Area. Survey work will include multibeam bathymetry, magnetic measurements, side scan sonar imaging, seabed stratigraphy, benthic sediment sampling and video imaging.

Fishermen fishing or transiting northeast of Oregon Inlet, NC and southeast of Virginia Beach, VA are encouraged to note the survey area locations, activities, and timing. The Wind Lease Area is WSW of the Cigar and WNW of the Foul Area, seaward from 36 nm SE of Rudee Inlet and 24 nm E of Corolla, NC. The cable corridor extends SE from Sandbridge, VA, through the area of the 4A buoy, passing south of the Horseshoe, connecting with the NW corner of the Wind Lease Area. Survey equipment will be towed up to 1,000 feet behind the vessels. Survey vessels have limited maneuverability and a 1 mile closest point of

When will the survey occur?

•The survey will be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from June 25, 2019 to October 15, 2019; weather dependent.

Where will the survey occur?

•In and near the Wind Lease Area and proposed Cable Corridor from Sandbridge, VA to east of Corolla NC. (see map on the next page)

Who will be conducting the survey?

•The offshore survey vessel M/V Gerry Bordelon and near shore Survey Vessel Theory are operated by TerraSond. (see vessel info. below)

Who should I contact with questions?

- Fisheries Liaison Rick Robins (757) 876 - 3778 rick@fathomedgelimited.com
- •Project Manager Jennifer Eastaugh (617) 981 - 5530 jennifer.eastaugh@avangrid.com

approach is requested. Fishermen are requested to move any fixed fishing gear out of the survey area during the survey period (June 25 through October 15, 2019) to avoid loss or damage to fishing gear or survey equipment. Please contact

Rick Robins, Fisheries Liaison, with any questions or concerns. Survey vessels will monitor VHF 16 and 13.



SURVEY VESSEL THEORY (NEARSHORE)

Owner/Manager Theory Marine Services
Communications VHF 16 & 13

37 ft.



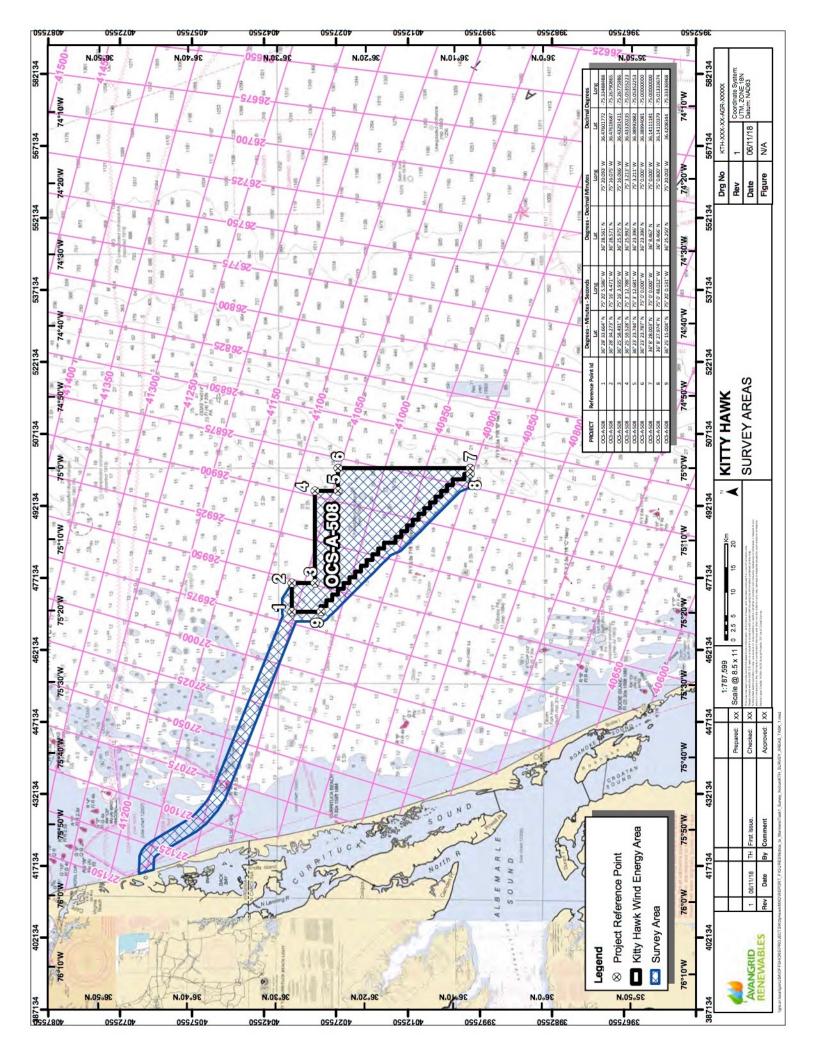
M/V GERRY BORDELON

Owner/Manager Bordelon Marine, LLC Communications VHF 16 & 13 Length 170 ft.



Length







9th Annual Southside Boys & Girls Club Flounder Fishing Tourney
July 19 & 20, 2019