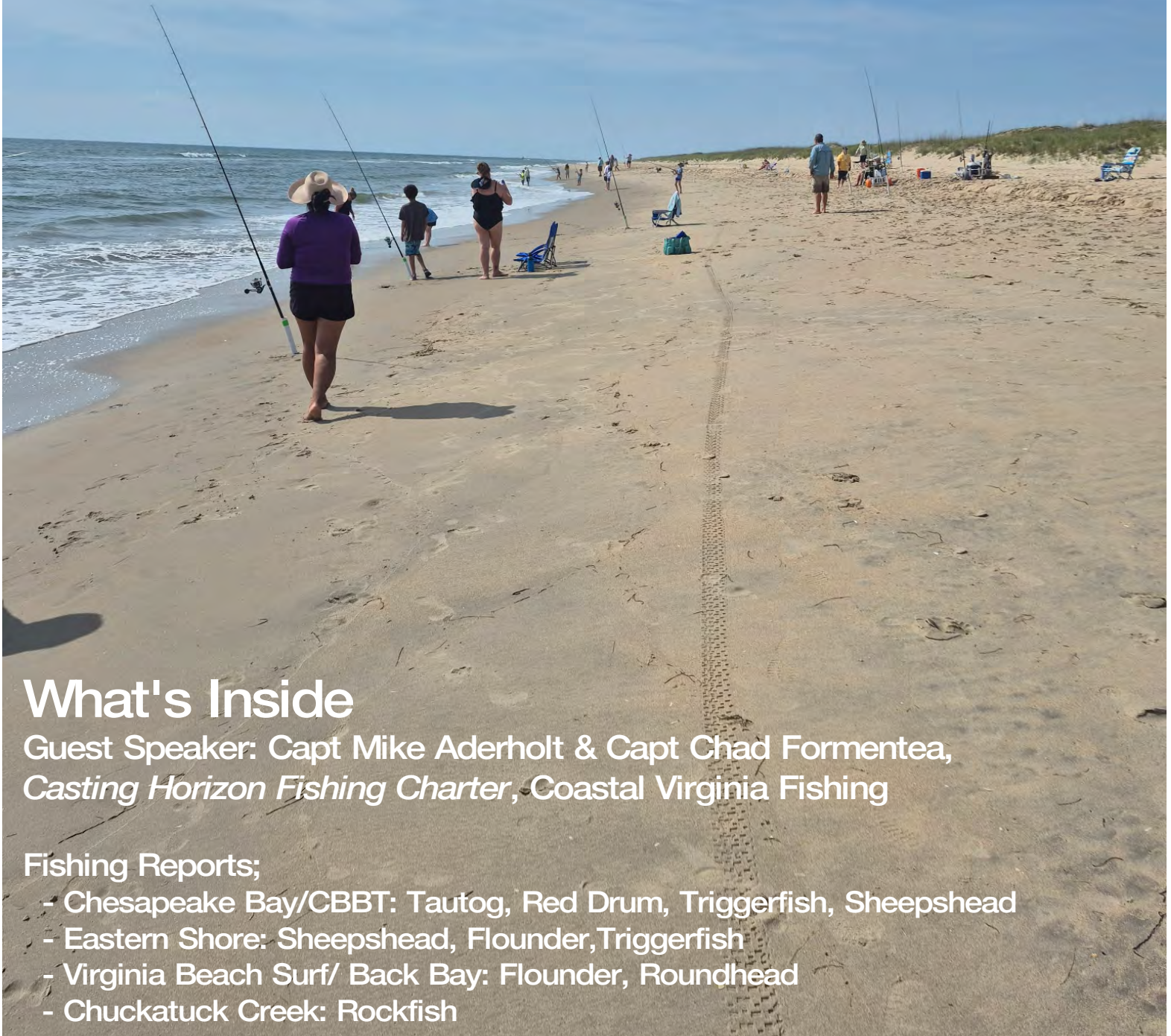


THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

# WIRELINE

JULY 2026



## What's Inside

Guest Speaker: Capt Mike Aderholt & Capt Chad Formentea,  
*Casting Horizon Fishing Charter*, Coastal Virginia Fishing

### Fishing Reports;

- Chesapeake Bay/CBBT: Tautog, Red Drum, Triggerfish, Sheepshead
- Eastern Shore: Sheepshead, Flounder, Triggerfish
- Virginia Beach Surf/ Back Bay: Flounder, Roundhead
- Chuckatuck Creek: Rockfish

# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Congratulations to Ethan Simpson, the newly appointed Chief of Fisheries for the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Ethan has been with the commission and in the Fisheries Department for many years and brings a wealth of knowledge in recreational and commercial fisheries management.

We wrapped up our second East Ocean View Children's Headboat trip on June 30th. There were a lot of thrilled kids and lots of great fishing. Our THANKS to our members, the Virginia Marine Police, and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission for making this possible. Funding comes from VMRC and our own Children's Fishing Program to support this wonderful opportunity for the children. We have 3 more Headboat fishing trips planned and 4 more Children's Surf Fishing Clinics for the summer.

Will



On The Cover: A photo from Norfolk Angler Mike Reinhart at the Children's Surf Fishing Clinic at Back Bay Wildlife Refuge.



## Meeting

Guest Speaker: Capt Mike Aderholt & Capt Chad Formentea with *Casting Horizon Fishing Charter*, Coastal Virginia Fishing

This month we have Capt Mike Aderholt & Capt Chad Formentea with *Casting Horizon Fishing Charter* joining us to discuss coastal Virginia fishing. The fishing opportunities have steadily improved over the years with VMRC's artificial reef improvements in the bay and the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Program finishing their monopile and substation installations. There's an ever increasing amount of habitat being placed on the bottom and that leads to better fishing. Join us on Monday July 20th to hear from two experienced Charter Captains about all the opportunities available.

**Important:**  
**July 20th, 2026 at 7:00pm**  
**NAC Meeting at Boil Bay**  
**Seafood City, Norfolk,**

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## Club Calendar

### July

Thur, Jul 9th; NPS Children's Surf Fishing Clinic, Back Bay WR

Mon, Jul 13th; Children's Headboat Trip and Lunch

Mon, Jul 20th; Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting

Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

Thur, Jul 23rd; NPS Children's Surf Fishing Clinic, Back Bay WR

Mon, Jul 27th; Children's Headboat Trip and Lunch

Tue, Jul 28th; Virginia Marine Resources Commission

meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

### August

Thur, Aug 6th; NPS Children's Surf Fishing Clinic, Back Bay WR

Mon, Aug 3rd; Children's Headboat Trip and Lunch

Mon, Aug 17th; Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting

Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

Thur, Aug 20th; NPS Children's Surf Fishing Clinic, Back Bay WR

Tue, Aug 25th; Virginia Marine Resources Commission

meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

## Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish Entries

1 January - 30 June 2026

### Freshwater

| <u>Species</u>  | <u>Name (#Entries)</u>                       |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Crappie         | Russell Willoughby (2)                       |
| Largemouth Bass | Russell Willoughby (2)<br>Mike Rheinhart (8) |
| Chain Pickerel  | Mike Rheinhart (1)                           |
| White Perch     | Andy Reid (1)                                |

### Saltwater

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Name (#Entries)</u>                  |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Speckled Trout | Stan Simmerman (2)<br>Chris Harris (1)  |
| Red Drum       | Chris Harris (2)<br>Bill Seemueller (1) |
| Rockfish       | Henry Troutner (1)                      |
| Sheepshead     | Jere Humphrey (2)                       |
| Flounder       | Mike Reinhart (1)                       |

\*\*\*\*Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Saltwater) or  
Department of Wildlife Resources (Freshwater)

Citation paperwork, North Carolina Dept of  
Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) Citation Program  
paperwork, or the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize

Fish entry form must be submitted to;

[NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto:NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com)



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# Club Members Tournament for 2026

## Redfish "Spots" Tournament

### Rules

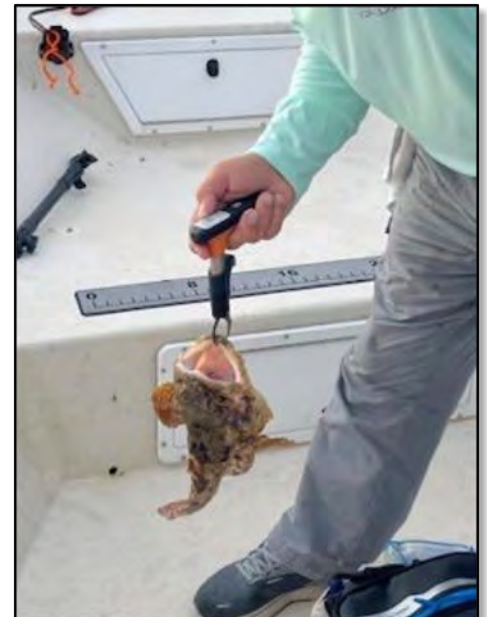
- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026
- Must have the Norfolk Anglers Club decal in the photo with the fish on a measuring device\* showing the total length of the fish. See NAC Prize Fish Contest Rules for measuring info. \*Entries 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](mailto: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.

### Entries:



## Oyster Toadfish Tournament Rules

- Must be a Norfolk Anglers Club Member
- Tournament for fish caught between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026
- Awards determined by;
  1. Total Weight
  2. Date of catch
  3. Date of entry submission
- Entries submitted by email to [NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com](mailto: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



Alex "AJ" Perez, Jr.  
Oyster Toadfish Tournament Director (TOTTD)

Entries: John Curry (1), Marty Schriebl (1)

# This Month!!!

...and we can use a few more volunteers...

## Oceanview Community Center Children's Headboat Fishing Trip and Cookout July 13th and July 27th



## Children's Surf Fishing Clinic, Back Bay Wildlife Refuge July 9th and July 23rd



# Fishing Reports

June 4: Bill Seemueller and I fished the outgoing tide at the second island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Using forward facing sonar we slowly idled around the island looking for anything we can cast a two ounce bucktail with a five inch Grub curly tail at.

We spotted a medium sized school of Red Drum but the school was moving so fast, they were tough to lead and cast accurately to. Finally, about mid way down the island, we found a school that Bill was able to beautifully pin point a cast that found him a 47 inch Red Drum.

After a couple of photos, Bill took his time reviving the fish and we watched it swim away for another day. The fish was tagged and released for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP).

- Alex Perez



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## NEW HOURS

SUN: 6AM-6PM  
MON: 8AM-8PM  
TUE: 8AM-8PM  
WED: 8AM-8PM  
THU: 8AM-8PM  
FRI: 6AM-8PM  
SAT: 6AM-8PM

## LIVE BAIT

- FIDDLERS ✓
- BLOODWORMS ✓
- BLUE CRABS ✓
- SHINERS (FRESHWATER MINNOWS) ✓
- GUDGEONS (SALTWATER MINNOWS) ✓
- EELS ✓
- NIGHTCRAWLERS ✓
- RED WIGGLERS ✓

## FROZEN BAIT

- SQUID (TUBE, BOX)
- SHRIMP
- SAND FLEAS
- PEELER CRABS
- FINGER MULLET
- BLUE CRAB
- EEL
- SHAD

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May 29: While cleaning the Shamrock from last nights trip, John Curry called to see if we wanted to run to the Chuckatuck Bridge to try for Stripers. We met him about 30 minutes later. Once at the bridge we trolled Bandits and about the 2nd pass Mary caught a 20" keeper. A couple passes later I got a 20" fish. Than while trolling I hooked the big one. Using only 2000 class spinning tackle the fight was on. Unfortunately, the big one turned out to be a Cow Nose Ray. This is the first time I've caught a Ray trolling. With 2 fish in the box and the current quitting we called it a day.

- Henry Troutner



June 17: Jennifer and I had a week off and decided to fish a wreck off the Eastern Shore. We caught 6 sheephead and 4 triggers and an awful lot of small togs.

One citation sheephead 10 lbs 3 oz!

- Jere Humphrey

May 30: John Curry invited Mary & I for a quick trip to the Chuckatuck Bridge to live line some Peanut Bunker he had caught off his deck. Mary was fishing the bottom, John was drifting a float along the Bridge and I was casting plugs. It wasn't long before Mary had a keeper Striper in the boat. She followed that up with a catfish and a medium size ray. John & I just took notes.

- Henry Troutner



June 21: I took live blue crabs to the Bluefish Rock Reef and selected a nice area of rubble to anchor and try. During the incoming tide I quartered the crab and used a dropper loop Rig with a 3/0 J hook and three ounces of lead. I ended up catching three small Oyster Toads, three Tautog up to 14 inches, and two Triggerfish up to 15 inches. I ended up catching the 15 inch Triggerfish again, approximately three hours later. I know this because the Tautog and Triggerfish I caught on this day were all tagged for the VGFTP and the Triggerfish tag matched. Not to mention, I recognized those shifty Triggerfish eyes! I decided to switch over to a three inch Gulp Shrimp on a 3/8 ounce jig head and caught six Gray Trout up to 16 inches that were hovering above the reef structure. All the Trout were released.

- Alex Perez



May 31: Mary, John Curry, Dan Rogerson (a new NAC & Chuckatuck Crew member) & I launched the Shamrock at Dandy Point (Wallaces) and headed for the CBBT to fish for Sheepshead. The weather was beautiful and the current cooperated allowing us to fish right along the pillions. After fishing several sets without a bite the current went slack and we headed to the 4th Island. We fished several location with John catching a legal but out of season Tog (tagged) and Dan catching 4 or 5 Toads. Bait was fiddlers, minnows and squid. Photo of John with Tog and Dan awaiting another Toadfish.

- Henry Troutner



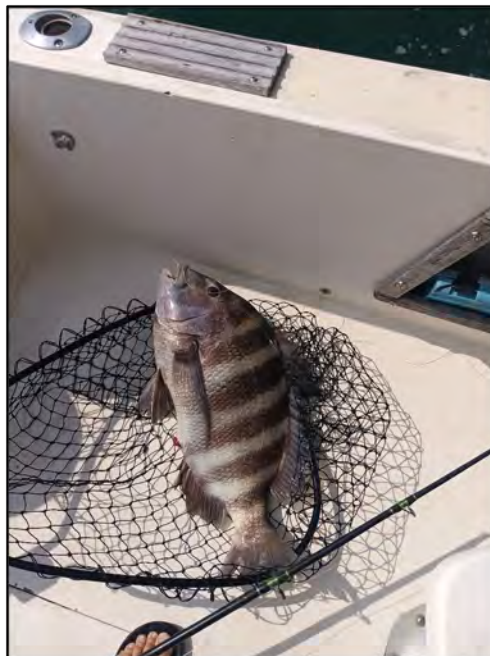
June 17: My friend Eddie and I left the dock at MorningStar Marina at 6:30am. Heading 17 miles to a wreck on the eastern shore. As soon as we put lines in the water the trigger fish where biting very good. We fished there for 5 hours. We ended up with 3 big sheepshead, 11 triggers, and 1 keeper flounder. Another great day fishing. Had a blast!

- Jere Humphrey



June 26: Headed out on my own and fished the CBBT and caught this nice 11 lbs 3 oz Sheepee and 7 Triggers.

- Jere Humphrey





# Virginia Recreational Saltwater Fishing Regulations

**Last Revised  
April 2026**



## Atlantic Croaker

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 50 per person; additional 50 live bait per customer capacity on for-hire or charter vessels



## Spot

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 50 per person; additional 50 live bait per customer capacity on for-hire or charter vessels



## Kingfish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit



## Grey Trout (Weakfish)

- Minimum Size Limit: 12 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person



## Bluefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 5 per person from shore or a rented or private vessel
- 5 per person on for-hire or charter vessels



## Spanish Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15 per person



## King Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 27 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person



## Cobia

- Minimum Size Limit: 43 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person or 2 per vessel, whichever is more restrictive.
- Season: June 15 - September 20
- Gaffing prohibited



## Summer Flounder

- Minimum Size Limit: Jan 1-May 31: 16 inches  
Jun 1-Dec 31: 17.5 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



## Striped Bass

Any person fishing striped bass recreationally shall use non-offset, corrodible, non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing with bait.

### Chesapeake Bay Spring Season

- Size Limit: 19-24 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: May 16 - June 15

### Chesapeake Bay Fall Season

- Size limit: 19-24 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: October 4 - December 31

### Coastal Season

- Size Limit: 28-31 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person
- Season: January 1 - March 31, May 16 - December 31

**Select species provided for information purposes only. Not all regulated species are included. All regulations are subject to change. It is the angler's responsibility to know and abide by all current regulations and laws. Check for new regulations before you go fishing. [www.mrc.virginia.gov](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov)**



## Spadefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



## Sheepshead

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



## Black Sea Bass

- Minimum Size Limit: 13
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15
- Season: May 11 - Dec 31



## Tautog

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person
- Season: January 1-May 15, July 1- Dec. 31



## Speckled Trout

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 5 per person, only 1 greater than 24"



## Red Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: 18 inches
- Maximum Size Limit: 26 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person



## Black Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person

