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**Virginia's
Speckled Trout
Stock Assessment
at the
next meeting**

Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Congratulations to all our Awardees at our banquet! Especially our Angler of the Year, Beth Synowiec. It was our pleasure to recognize all of our members angling expertise. Where would we be without the generous support from our many Sponsors. *Thank you* for your continued support and involvement in our Angling Club. Lastly, Thanks go to our Awards Coordinator, Tom Hubert, for setting up such a nice evening at Cypress Point Country Club.

If you're passionate about Speckled Trout, you'll want to make our next meeting. VMRC Fisheries Management Division will be sharing the 2014 VA & NC Stock Assessment with our club. This assessment is a first for Virginia and important to understanding how our fishery is really doing.

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MEETING

Guest Speaker :

With winter fish kills, poaching, and illegal gill nets getting lots of attention in the Elizabeth River, many question how all this influences our Speckled Trout fishery. What many aren't aware of is the work VMRC and NCDMF have been doing to assess the health of our fishery. In early March, the first of its kind for Virginia, the 2014 Stock Assessment for Spotted Sea Trout (Speckled Trout) in Virginia & North Carolina Waters will be released.



We're very fortunate to have Mr Joe Cimino, Senior Manager with the Virginia Marine Resource Commission Fisheries Management Division joining us to share the stock assessment. Mr. Cimino has been with VMRC for eleven years with prior fisheries management experience with the North Carolina Dept of Marine Fisheries.

This is a great opportunity to gain an understanding of our Speckled Trout fishery and how data can be used for fisheries management decisions.



Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday March 9 at 7 pm

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Teppanyaki Buffet - 7525 Tidewater Dr Norfolk VA 23505

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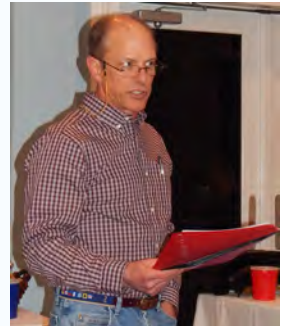
Awards Banquet

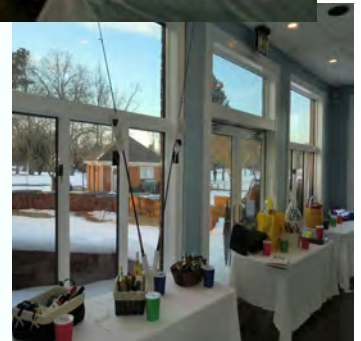
The annual Award Banquet was held on 28 FEB 15 at the Cypress Point Country Club. NAC members enjoyed very delicious entrees with vegetables, rice and desert. We then recognized the Club Members who had notable catches during the 2014 Fishing Season! We had an absolute wonderful evening. A special thanks goes out to Tom Hubert for setting up the event and also all the members who helped with setup/cleanup.

Angler of the Year



Beth Synowiec





Release Category



Striped Bass



Louis Glaser

Red Drum



Janet Taylor

Sheepshead



Beth Synowiec

Bluefish



Beth Synowiec

White Marlin



Neal Taylor

Speckled Trout



Bert Sainz

Keep Category

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2014

Flounder



Bert Sainz

Black Sea Bass



Beth Synowiec

Bluefish



Beth Synowiec

Triggerfish



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Beth Synowiec

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Fishing Tips....

Rigging Techniques with Zach Bowles Oceans East Bait & Tackle

Live Baiting Rig for Speckled Trout: Live baiting Speckled Trout has always been one of the most successful methods for hooking up on large Specs.



Rigging a Spec Live Bait Slip Bobber Rig is straight forward. You'll need about 3 ft of 20 lb Fluorocarbon Leader, a 20 lb Monofilament Main Line, small Bobber, Bobber Stops, a Barrel Swivel, and an Egg Sinker. First snell your 1/0 hook, circle hooks are fine too, to the 20 lb fluoro leader and then attach a small barrel swivel. Next you'll make up your main line by attaching a Bobber Stopper (Eagle Claw) to the line and sliding a small bobber with the peg inserted in the top of the bobber. The Bobber Stop you placed on the main line is what the top of the bobber will rest against as you're fishing. Slide your weight (1/4 or 3/8 oz egg sinker) onto the main line then tie the main line to the swivel.

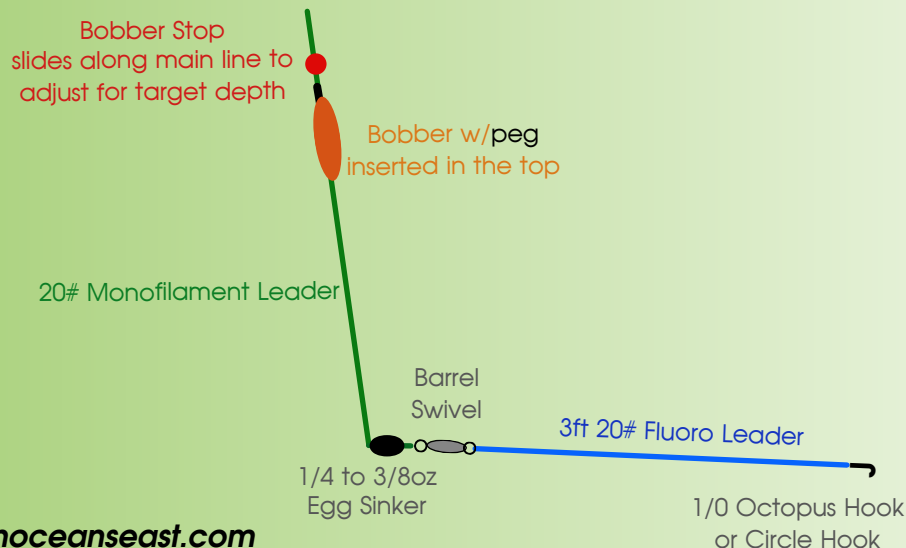


Selection of your bobber is important. You want to select a bobber that won't give too much resistance when the Speckled Trout hits your bait. If it's too large the fish will feel the bobber's resistance and release the bait before the hook set occurs.



Zack prefers the first half of the ebb (outgoing) tide and uses two anchors to hold the boat steady over the fishing spot. Particularly important if you're fishing in the cove or other restricted area with other boats. Nothing is more frustrating than having another boat swinging on their single anchor and interfering with your action. You should place your live bait rig a couple of feet off the bottom. A common mistake anglers make is fishing too shallow.

Without question the best live bait for Speckled Trout is Gudgeons. While Mullet works too, it seems Gudgeons always produce. With rigs tied, bait ready, the only thing left is deciding where the best place to wet the lines. Fishing around the Gilmerton Bridge, the Interstate 64 High Rise Bridge (around the pilings), and the Cove are all good starting points. Like all Spec Anglers, you'll soon find your favorite locations.



Rigging Planer Boards for Stripers:

Zach Bowles, Oceans East Bait & Tackle

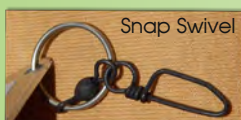
You could almost hear the groan when anglers talk about using planer boards. Whether it's setting them out in your spread or dealing with someone else's set. Truth is, planer boards can be very effective in increasing your spread if they're set up correctly and trolled properly. Common frustrations with planer boards are clips that are too loose or trolling speeds too fast. Both situations can cause the planer system to trip prematurely and, if more than one trips on a side it can result in an awful mess.

The planer boards we're talking about aren't the double or triple planer board or planer board rigs designed to handle multiple lines. The Trophy Stalker planer boards are probably one of the easiest and most flexible for rigging that you'll find. They come in three colors, orange, yellow and red to easily identify each line. The

Trophy Stalker planer boards have snap swivels on the front and rear of each blade and a bent aluminum arm that holds the releasable clip. The releasable clip is similar to those you find on outriggers and is designed to allow the main line to release free when a strike occurs. They can be a standard release clip or the type Scotty makes that's adjustable. The next feature on the planer board are the snap swivels. These swivels clip to your line and keep the planer board attached to your main line when the release clip is free.



Release Clip



Snap Swivel

Zach Bowles prefers a 30# Monofilament main line tied to a 25ft 40# Wind-On leader. Why use Mono? Well, sometimes rigs do get tangled up, at some point it's bound to happen. Untangling mono is easier than braid and if it must be cut, it's cheaper too. He notes the knot tying the main line to the wind-on leader is where he attaches the releasable clip. The wind-on leader is then clipped to the snap swivel. An Angler can choose what weight they desire, Zach uses a 1.5oz egg sinker. It's not only the weight and size of the sinker, it's also the drag it produces. Too heavy or large and it might trip the release clip. The wind-on leader is then tie to the Fluorocarbon leader with a barrel swivel. You finish it off with your choice of hooks snelled to the Fluor leader. For Striped Bass, Zach prefers the Owner 7/0 Circle hook.

Maneuvering with planer boards requires you to think well ahead of the boat. Turns must be slow with wide arching turns to prevent tangling the rigs. Forward speed depends on sea state and current but 1 knot going with the current is typical. The objective of using planer boards is to get your spread out and away from the boat. Drags set around 7 pounds seems to be the average. If using multiple planers on the same side of the boat, the longest planer rod will be aft and the shorter or closest planer board rod will be forward. If a planer trips, clearing and resetting is easier if you continue moving. The tripped rig will trail directly behind the boat. Stopping the boat will allow the planers to drift and could result in more tangles.

Planer boards can also be used while at anchor, such as at the CBBT High Rise. As long as there's moving water the boards will work there way off to the side. You can adjust the weight and length of the line attached to the release clip to get your bait to the target depth. Zach likes to troll live eel with this planer board set up but has success with artificial baits as well. One recommended artificial eel bait is from Savage Gear, which comes pre-rigged in three sizes from 8 to 16 inches and in a variety of colors.

Many THANKS to Zach Bowles and Oceans East Bait & Tackle for sharing their knowledge and experience. At Oceans East it's not just about Bait & Tackle, it's *Passion* for the sport!



Monofilament or Braid
Main Line 30#

Releasable
Clip

Snap Swivel

25ft Wind On
Leader (40#)

1.5oz
Egg
Sinker

Barrel Swivel

5ft Fluorocarbon
Leader (40#)

7/0 Owner
Circle Hook



"Marlin Biscuits"

Rigging Tinker Mackerel for Pelagics:

Zach Bowles, Oceans East Bait & Tackle

Catching Tinker Mackerel can be fun and pitching them to hungry Marlin can make for an incredible offshore trip.

Rigging Tinker Mackerel isn't difficult it just takes a bit of planning. First, you've got to have a good live bait well. Tinker Mackerel won't last long without proper handling. A round or oval bait well with lots of circulating water is what keeps the bait fresh. Minimize handling when they come aboard, de hook them right into the live well. Tinker Mackerel have LOTS of tiny scales and over handling will knock them off, stress the bait, and not present the best presentation for the Marlin.

The first thing you've got to do is go catch the bait. Watch your depth sounder for a fuzzy presentation in 300-600 ft. Schools of Tinkers will often will not give a hard target return to your fishfinder. Once you've located a school break out your bait catching machine, the Sabiki rig. Also watch as you're pulling your bait up to the surface. If there's Marlin around they'll be following the bait, including the ones you're dredging up from the deep!

Sabiki rigs are designed specifically for catching bait. They're a dropper rig with 5-8 small decorated hooks. A word of caution, resist the urge to unpack a Sabiki package before you're on the boat and ready to out it over the side. The hooks are very sharp, there's lots of them, and it can create a mess even when you're careful. They can be fished as they come out of the package or tipped with squid or fishbites.

Now for rigging your Marlin Biscuits...you'll need an open eye rigging needle and rubber bands (photo 1). Get a hold of your Tinker and keep it from going too crazy and knocking off scales by holding against your body with your arm. Use the rigging needle to pierce through the nose of the Mackerel just forward of the eye in an indentation area (photo2). Thread the rubber band through so it's equal on each side (photo 3). Take your 9/0 Circle Hook and thread it through the loops and twist (photo 4). Once you've got it twisted down loop the hook under and it's ready to fish (photo5). Rigging with the rubber band this way allows the bait (and hook) to move around more for a better hook set.

With your Tinker Mackerel in the water, you'll be trolling 4-5 knots in a clean wake around a 25 to 50 ft spread. Your Tinkers should swim in a straight line, that's normal. When you start seeing the Tinkers swimming erratic it means the predators are closing in!



Fishing Reports



4 FEB 15: ER Reds and Stripers

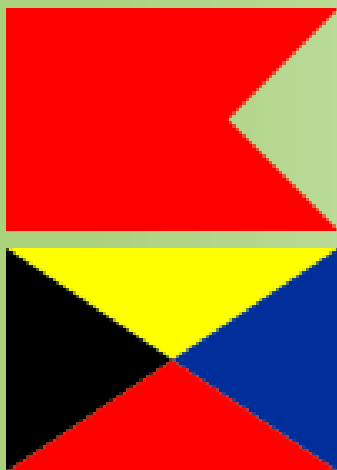
Louis and I got on the water around 10AM and fished the top of the high tide and most of the outgoing. Water temp was 40 - 42 degrees with wind out of the SW. The bite didn't start until an hour into the outgoing tide. We caught 6 reds (21 to 27 1/2 inches) and 3 striper (19 to 24 inches) using 3/8 oz jigs with light colored bass assassins in skinny water, 4 -8 feet. No SPECKS.

- Ned Smith



The Norfolk Anglers Club recognizes fellow NAC member Ned Smith and Captain "JB" Brown, USN (Ret) for their efforts on February 21st. Capt JB and Ned were looking to explore sections of the Elizabeth River following the cold weather and discovered an illegally placed gill net hazarding navigation in the Deep Creek channel. VMRC Officers were quick to respond and seize the net. Bravo Zulu to Capt JB, Ned Smith and VMRC Law Enforcement Officers for their quick response and all they do for us on the water.

The naval flaghoist of two signal flags Bravo  and Zulu  comes from the Allied Naval Signal Book following WWII. It's meant to signal a unit or individual they've done a job Well Done!



Peacock Bass



Clown Knife fish



Large Mouth Bass



30 JAN 15: North of Miami, Peacock and Large Mouth Bass and a very rare Clown Knife fish. It swam backwards when trying to net it, catch and release!
- Jimmy Robinson

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Unusual Fish Story on the ER

7-9 FEB 15: I fished with Ned on the Elizabeth River on Saturday and Monday in warm 50-60 degree sunny weather. On Saturday Ned and I fished on Bert Sainz's Carolina Skiff and despite traveling all over the Elizabeth River looking for fish and finding plenty of baitfish all around we only came up with three red drum, each one caught in three different places, mostly in deep water over 15 ft. Bert caught the over slot fish which was at 32 inches and weighed out at 12.2 lbs caught on a rubber body jig green with orange tail. Ned and I caught ours on Mirrolure MR18's Mardi Gras Broken Glass with chartreuse belly and purple back. Water was about 45 degrees on the surface. It was a beautiful day but we really couldn't find the fish in any numbers.

Sunday Ned and Louis fished with Bert on his boat at the ER in the same places we caught on Sat and they only caught one striper. Warm but windy made them stay out of the wind when possible.

Monday Ned and I fished on Ned's boat and we tried some different places, mostly shallows along the banks of the Elizabeth River since the temps were again in the 50s-60s with water temp around 46 degrees. With the tide at full and no wind blowing at all around noon in one shallow we noticed what we thought was jumping bait fish near the bank. We were hoping some specks or reds were chasing them in to shore so we as quiet as possible cut the engine and just glided in close as we dared to all the commotion on the water. What we discovered were actually schools of huge speckled trout and red drum tailing in about 3-4 ft of water and slowing cruising around in the sun in the shallow water near the bank. Ned and I started casting several types of lures at them mostly in front of the moving schools which were coming right up next to the boat at times and the fish didn't seemed to be concerned about us there.

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Water was crystal clear so we could see dozens of these fish, that we at first thought were big puppy drum but realized were actually mostly huge over 10 pound trout circling around us slowing and tailing while digging in the mud. We thought some were reds but most didn't have the spots of a red so they had to be mostly specks.

After casting at them with different color jigs, and different color MR17's I caught two 23 inch specks that went for my Mardi Gras Broken Glass with purple back. Each gave me a great fight. Then Ned hooked a monster on which took some time getting him to the boat. We could see she was a gator size trout from the huge tail but when we got her to the net we both were surprised how big he was. She measured 32 inches and weighed on my scale 10 lbs 10 ounces. This was Ned's first paper trout over 30 inches. Right after we got the picture and got the fish revived and released the wind suddenly shifted to the NW and blowing at 15 mph which seemed to chase the fish away. At least we couldn't see them any longer with all the rippling of the water's surface. We had called John Brown over to where we were fishing when we found the fish and he and Nick tried to catch some of them also but JB only hooked a 28 inch red, no specks.

The fish just didn't seem hungry and I think only instinctively grabbed our lures when we moved them in front of their faces. With the wind came foggy cloudy skies so we called it a day. A very unusual day to say the least. Ned and I have never seen specks school and act like that. Maybe they were just enjoying the warm sunny day and just weren't interested in eating. The gator trout was very fat and the two I caught were also really fat so they are getting all they want to eat. Given the presence of bait all around as we have found the cold water is not hurting the baitfish.

- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



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Catch & Release Fishing and minimizing Barotrauma

As a diver, I'm very familiar with gas laws and the effects of barotrauma. Fortunately for me, I've only experienced a few ruptured ear drums in 40 years of diving and never a more serious Decompression Injury or "The Bends". As you dive down in the water column you feel the increasing pressure on your ears and sinus cavities. The most dramatic pressure changes occur in the first 32 feet of your descent. The opposite is true when returning to the surface, the most change in pressure is the last 32 feet. Without controlling your ascent and equalizing to the pressure changes serious injury could occur. In diving we strive for very slow ascent rates with occasional stops for decompression and safety. Now imagine for a moment how the fish you just cranked from 300 feet is coping.

We've all witnessed barotrauma in fish we've landed on the boat. It's the bulging eyes, protruding stomach distended intestines or bloated belly that give it away. For the fish that land in the box, well, sympathy is short lived. But what about that Black Sea Bass that's out of season, or another species that you'd rather return to catch another day? Handling the fish quickly and properly will help minimize the injury to the fish and insure its best chance at survival. Minimizing the effects of barotrauma and getting the fish back down to a safer depth is equally important to how you handle it on the boat.

Venting was what I was taught to relieve the excess pressure trapped in the fish's body cavity. Inserting a hypodermic-type venting tool behind the pectoral fin just deep enough to hear the hiss of escaping gas. Once the excess pressure was relieved the fish was returned head-down into the water. Venting tools, if used correctly, are a very effective method to lessen barotrauma and increase the

survival rate of fish showing obvious signs of barotrauma. You should never use a venting tool to puncture the protruding stomach or intestines.

Descending tools are another more recent method of returning fish to a safe depth without the need for venting. Fish need not be returned to the depth where you caught them, just deep enough to overcome the barotrauma, which is about 1/2 or 1/3 the depth. These devices come in a variety of shapes and styles but I'll categorized them into two types; those that require a separate rod/reel or suspension system and those that can be attached to your primary fishing rig.

One system which requires a separate system to lower it to a depth where the fish may escape is an inverted Plastic Crate. It's weighted to allow it to sink and tethered to the boat. The positively buoyant fish will be trapped in the crate until the pressure at depth allows them to swim clear.



Protruding Stomach



Bulging Eyes



Distended Intestines



Bloated Belly - The Floater





Certainly something which can be rigged up at the house on a snow day the Plastic Crate method does have a few disadvantages. Such as, keeping the fish under the crate before lowering it down, taking the time to lower it down,..and then pull the weighted crate back up. All of which take away from fishing...

EcoLeeser™ makes another fish descender system marketed as the RokLees™. It's a spring retaining system that grips the lower lip of the fish. With your main line attached to one side of the spring device and weight on the other spring side, the angler gives a tug on the device and the spring opens releasing the fish.

Both of these systems would require an angler to have a separate rod/reel or suspension system rigged to manage the release of fish. The RokLees™ Fish Descender system retails for \$29.95 + \$8.50 s/h and is available from www.ecoleeser.com.



The SeaQualizer and the Shelton Fish Descender™ or SFD™ are two of the descending devices which attach to your primary fishing line. They can be used in combination with your existing bottom rig or on a separate rod/reel system. The advantage of both is your get to keep fishing while you're getting your release catch back down safely.



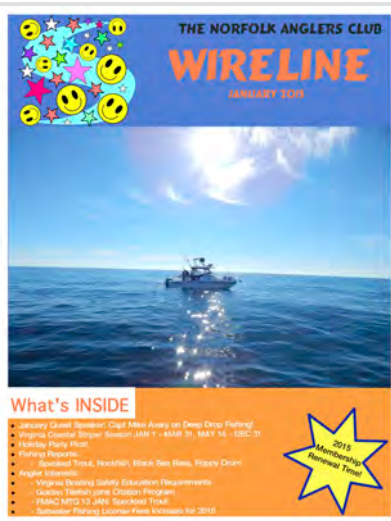
The SeaQualizer resembles a boga-grip with an adjustable pressure release mechanism that opens the jaws at a pre-set depth. Attaching the SeaQualizer to your main line with a longline snap makes installation and removal very easy. SeaQualizer comes in three styles each with three depth settings; Shallow (30, 50, 70ft), Standard (50,100,150ft), and Deep Water (100, 200, 300ft). The Shallow SeaQualizer is available with small or large jaw sizes. Selecting and setting the depth is easy by twisting the adjustment knob. SeaQualizer is available from www.seaqualizer.com for \$55.00 + \$8.25 s/h but can also be found at online retail sites and tackle shops.

Another fish descending option is the Shelton Fish Descender™. Constructed of stainless steel wire the SFD™ can be attached to your main line fishing rig and be used to return fish back to depth while making your next drop. Similar to the SeaQualizer and RokLees™ devices the SFD™ temporarily attaches to the lower jaw of the fish. The buoyant fish will remain "hooked" on the SFD™ until its swim bladder is recompressed by the water depth/pressure. Once the target release depth is achieved a quick upward pull of the rig will release the fish. The Shelton Fish Descender™ retails for \$6.00 + \$2.00 s/h and is available from www.sheltonproducts.com.

Whichever method you employ to release your catch, handling of the fish from the time it lands on the boat to the time of release is very important. Minimize the handling of the fish, use a de-hooking device, and incorporate a descending system to return the catch to a safe depth for release.

- Will Bransom





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Virginia Marine Resources Commission Important Information Concerning Saltwater Fishing Regulations For Striped Bass

Regulations in Spawning Reaches of Virginia's Tributary Rivers
Regulations in the spawning reaches of Virginia's Chesapeake Bay tributary rivers are the same as the regulations for Chesapeake Bay. Except no fish greater than 28 inches in length or longer may be kept or possessed from May 1, 2015 – June 15, 2015.

Federal Waters Regulations

Atlantic Ocean waters beyond the Three Mile Limit Line are closed to taking and possession of striped bass all year.

Potomac River Striped Bass Regulations

Please contact the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC) for information on regulations governing the striped bass harvest in the Potomac River and the Spring, Summer-Fall seasons of the Virginia tributaries of the Potomac River. Contact information for the PRFC office is 222 Taylor Street, Colonial Beach, VA 22443, (804) 224-7148, or (800) 266-3904 or on the internet at www.prfc.state.va.us

Illegal to Gaff Striped Bass

Gaffing Striped Bass or attempting to gaff Striped Bass is illegal in Virginia Marine Waters.

**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.**

Regulations are subject to review and change throughout the year. Information on the most current regulations can be obtained from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave., Third Floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607, (757) 247-2200; from the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, 2600 Washington Ave., Third Floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607, (757) 491-5160; and from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission internet website at www.mrc.virginia.gov

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January 2015



Virginia Marine Resources Commission 2015 Recreational Fishing Regulations For Striped Bass in Virginia's Marine Waters

Coastal Season* January 1 - March 31, 2015
and May 16 - December 31, 2015
Possession Limit 1 per person
Minimum Size Limit 28 inches

Coastal Regulations

Apply in Virginia's coastal ocean waters inside the Three Mile Limit Line, plus all of the creeks, bays inlets and tributaries on the seaside of Accomack County, Northampton County (including areas east of the causeway from Fisherman Island to the mainland) and the City of Virginia Beach (including federal areas and state parks, fronting on the Atlantic Ocean and east and south of the point where the shoreward boundary of the Territorial Sea joins the mainland at Cape Henry).

Chesapeake Area Season (Spring) May 16 - June 15, 2015
Possession Limit 2 per person
Minimum Size Limit* To be determined March 24, 2015
Maximum Size Limit** 28 inches

Chesapeake Area Regulations

Apply in the main stem of the Chesapeake Bay and its Virginia tributaries. Refer to the reverse side of this card for information pertaining to Potomac River "open seasons."

* The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will hold a public hearing on March 24, 2015 to establish the Chesapeake Area minimum size limit, the Virginia trophy-size season minimum size limit, and to consider alternative options for the coastal season.
**1 fish of the 2 fish possession limit may be larger than the Trophy Size limit to be established March 24, 2015 as provided for in the Trophy Season regulations except in the spawning reaches of the tributary rivers where no fish greater than 28 inches in length or longer may be possessed. Combining limits for overlapping seasons or regulations is prohibited – no more than 2 fish allowed in any overall limit at any time.

Virginia Trophy-Size Season***

Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries May 1 - June 15, 2015
Potomac River Tributaries Same as main stem of Potomac River
Coastal Waters (Territorial Sea) May 1 - May 15, 2015
Possession Limit 1 per person
Minimum Size Limit* To be determined March 24, 2015
Trophy Season Regulations
Apply in Virginia's Territorial Sea and the Chesapeake Bay and its Virginia tributary rivers, except the spawning reaches of the tributary rivers where no fish 28 inches in length or longer may be kept or possessed.

*** Trophy-Size Permit and catch report required for any Trophy-size striped bass kept during Trophy-Size Season. Regulations apply in the Chesapeake Bay and the Territorial Sea. Trophy-Size Season possession limit cannot be combined or added to the limit for any overlapping season.



ANGLER INTERESTS

Finfish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) notes: Speckled Trout



The VRMC Finfish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) met on January 13th and unanimously passed two motions for consideration on Commercial and Recreational Speckled Trout regulations. The FMAC request for Public Hearing was forwarded to the Virginia Marine Resource Commission at their regular meeting on February 24th. However, the Commission voted unanimously to take no action on the request for Public Hearing.

Fishing Flea Market

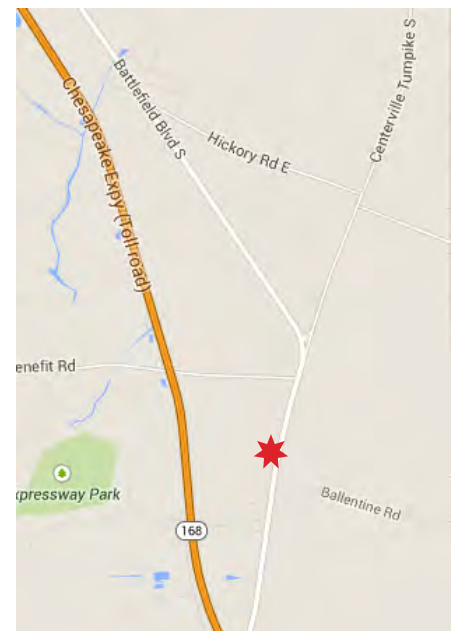


Saturday March 14 at the Hickory Ruritan Club,
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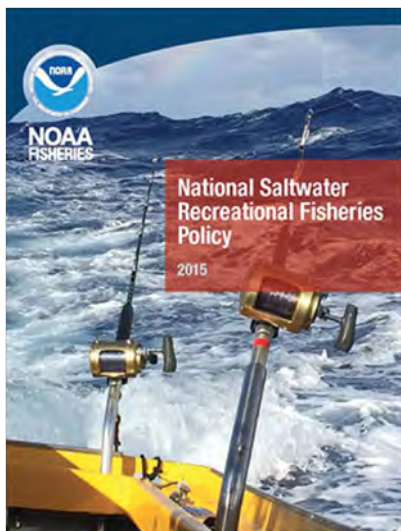
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Admission \$3

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NOAA's 2015 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy



February 12, 2015: NOAA announced their new national policy to better serve America's 11 million recreational saltwater anglers and the companies and communities that rely on them. The new policy was crafted with input from the recreational fishing and boating communities, and conservation organizations. The policy statement's guiding principles are;

1. Support ecosystem conservation and enhancement
2. Promote public access to quality recreational fishing opportunities
3. Provide scientifically sound and trusted social, cultural, economic, and ecological information
4. Communicate and engage with recreational fishing public
5. Coordinate with state and federal management entities
6. Advance innovative solutions to evolving science, management, and environmental challenges

To view the entire 2015 NOAA National Saltwater Recreational Fishing Policy visit their website at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/management/recreational/documents/noaa_recfish_policy.pdf

ANGLER INTERESTS

Kidde Recalls Disposable Plastic Fire Extinguishers Due to Failure to Discharge



February 12, 2015: Kidde recalls 31 models of Kidde disposable fire extinguishers with Zytel® black plastic valves. The recalled extinguishers are red, white or silver and are either ABC or BC rated. The ratings can be found to the right of the nameplate. Manufacture dates included in the recall are July 23, 2013 through October 15, 2014. A 10-digit date code is stamped on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled units manufactured in 2013 are XXXX 20413 X through XXXX 36513 X and 2014 are XXXX 00114 X through XXXX 28814 X. A nameplate affixed to the front of the fire extinguisher has one of the following model numbers:



10BC	FC110	FX340SC	XL 5MR
1A 10BC	FC5	FX5II	
1A 10BCW	FH/ RESSP	KFH Twin	
2A10BC	FX10	M110 Twin	
5BC	FX10BC	M5 Twin	
5BCW	FX10K	Mariner 10	
FA10G	FX210	Mariner 110	
FA110	FX210R	Mariner 5	
FA5B	FX210W	Mariner 5 G	
FC10	FX340GW	RESSP	



To view the Consumer Product Safety Commission recall information regarding the Kiddie Fire Extinguishers visit their webpage at <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Kidde-Recalls-Disposable-Plastic-Fire-Extinguishers> or visit Kidde's Product Alert page at <http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/for-owners/product-alerts>

Norfolk Anglers Club Canned Food Drive



The Norfolk Anglers Club is continuing our Canned Food Drive. So, please bring a non-perishable food item to the next meeting. We've got a labeled box at the entrance of the Banquet Room to collect your donation. When you donate you get a free raffle ticket to the evening's drawing.

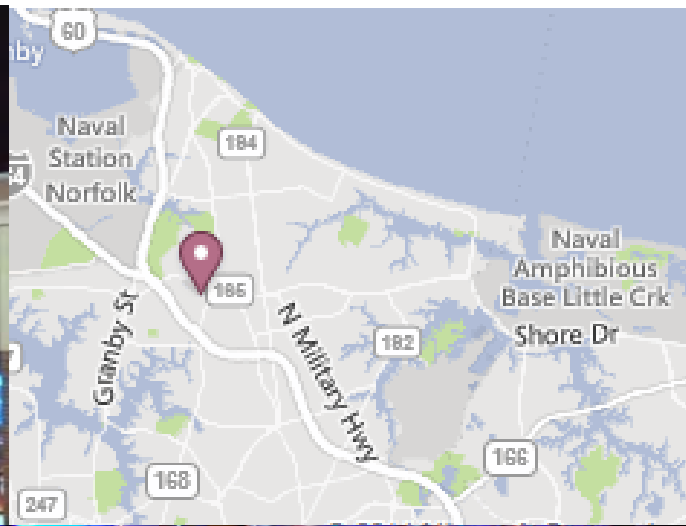
VMRC Public Hearing Pertaining to the Taking of Striped Bass: March 24, 2015



The Virginia Marine Resource Commission has scheduled a Public hearing on March 24, 2015 to solicit input regarding proposed amendments to Chapter 4 VAC 20-252-10 et seq. "Pertaining to the Taking of Striped Bass". This hearing is to establish the annual Chesapeake Bay and Coastal recreational management measures and to modify the northwestern Chesapeake Bay management boundary for possession of commercial striped bass tags from more than one jurisdiction (specifically Maryland).

Written comments can be sent to: Mr. Robert L. O'Reilly, VMRC Fisheries Management Division, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, Virginia 23607

*Our Meeting Hosts, Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet at
7525 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA*



**VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION
2015 RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR
VIRGINIA'S MARINE WATERS SIZE and POSSESSION LIMITS**

AMBERJACK

Minimum Size Limit.....32 inches
Possession Limit.....2 per person

AMERICAN EEL

Minimum Size Limit.....9 inches
Possession Limit.....25 per person (50 for charter/head boat captain and mate)

BLACK DRUM (DRUM, DRUMFISH)

Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches
Possession Limit.....1 per person

BLACK SEA BASS

Open season.....The season is currently closed
Minimum Size Limit.....12 1/2 inches
Possession Limit.....15 per person

BLUEFISH

Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....10 per person

COBIA

Minimum Size Limit.....37 inches
Possession Limit.....1 per person

GREY TROUT (WEAKFISH)

Minimum Size Limit.....12 inches
Possession Limit.....1 per person

GROUPER (All species, including Wreckfish)

Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....1 per person

KING MACKEREL

Minimum Size Limit.....27 inches
Possession Limit.....3 per person

RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS, REDFISH)

Minimum Size Limit.....18 inches
Maximum Size Limit.....26 inches
Possession Limit.....3 per person

RIVER HERRING (ALEWIFE; BLUEBACK).....Illegal to Possess

SCUP (PORGY)

Minimum Size Limit.....8 inches in state waters; 9 inches in Federal
Possession Limit.....30 per person

SHAD (AMERICAN SHAD).....Illegal to Possess

SHEEPSHEAD

Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....4 per person

SPADEFISH

Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....4 per person

Where open or closed seasons are specified, dates are inclusive.



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
January 2015



SPANISH MACKEREL

Minimum Size Limit.....14 inches
Possession Limit.....15 per person

SPECKLED TROUT (SPOTTED SEATROUT)

Minimum Size Limit.....14 inches
Possession Limit.....5 per person

Only one speckled trout of the 5-fish limit may be 24 inches or greater

STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH, STRIPER)

Regulations on seasons, size limits, possession limits, available on separate regulation card or from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. (For contact information, see below.)

STURGEON.....Illegal to Possess

SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)

Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches
Possession Limit.....4 per person

TAUTOG

Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches
Possession Limit.....3 per person

Season Closed.....May 1-September 19

TILEFISH (Blueline, Golden & Sand Tilefish)

Minimum Size Limit.....None
Possession Limit.....7 per person

SHARKS

Recreationally Prohibited Species – It is illegal to take or possess any shark from the "Recreationally Prohibited Species" list, as defined in Regulation 4VAC20-490-20, including but not limited to the following species commonly encountered in Virginia: Atlantic Angel, Dusky, Sand Tiger, Sandbar, White, and Bigeye Thresher Sharks. No size or possession limits apply to Dogfish Sharks but must be landed with head and all fins attached.

Minimum Size Limit (exceptions below).....54 inches fork length (FL)
All sharks must be landed with head and fins attached; hammerhead sharks must be 78 inches FL or greater, no minimum size applies to Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead, Blacknose, Finetooth Sharks.

Possession Limit.....1 per vessel
Possession limit for Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead Sharks is 1 per person.

A non-boat assisted shore angler is entitled to a vessel possession limit

Season Closed.....May 15-July 15
(Includes Blacktip, Bull, Great Hammerhead, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Spinner, and Tiger Shark)

Federal waters, beyond the Three Mile Limit governed by different regulations set by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

Sharks may only be taken by handline or rod and reel; No spearing or bow fishing.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Saltwater Fishing License – Individual license required in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and in all seaside and coastal ocean waters out to the Three Mile Limit Line, unless fishing on a licensed pier, licensed charter or headboat, or licensed private boat; or unless specifically exempted. For an FIP number, register at: www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP or call 1-800-723-2728.

Measurements – Size limits are in total length; fish must be measured from the tip of the nose to tip of tail, except Black Sea Bass, which are measured from tip of nose along the centerline of the body, to the center of the tail.

Snagging – Illegal to snag, or attempt to snag, any finfish.

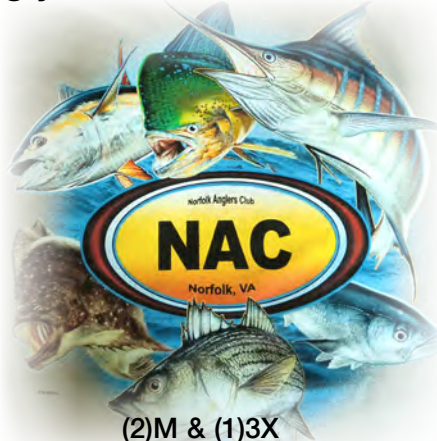
VMRC website: www.mrc.virginia.gov
Information may also be obtained from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607, (757) 247-2200; or from the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, 2600 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607, (757) 491-5160.

T-Shirts & Hats for SALE

Check them out at the next meeting! \$15.00 for short sleeves and hats, \$18.00 for long sleeve. Ladies T-Shirts are in, bring your bucks to the meeting to get them!



Long Sleeve (4)L, (5)XL & (7)XXL



(2)M & (1)3X



(1)M, (4)L, (4)XL & (3)2X



(1)M, (3)L, (2)XL & (1)2X

ADMIT ONE
Wear your Norfolk Anglers Club Tee-Shirt to the meeting and get a free raffle ticket!!



(2)L, (1)XL & (2)2X



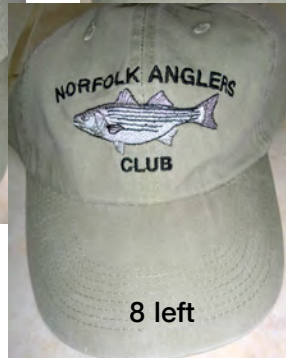
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10 left



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(1)M, (1)XL & (3)2X



(2)L



(1)M & (1)XL



(1)L



(1)1X & (1)2X



P O BOX 8422
NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422

The Norfolk Anglers Club was founded in 2005, filling a need for a fishing club in the City of Norfolk. Membership comes from all over the state.

We are family oriented, dedicated to bringing fishermen and their Families together.

Monthly meetings cover both inshore & offshore fishing as well as boating & safety. There are guest speakers covering a variety of topics and monthly raffles.

We also conduct friendly fishing tournaments and cookouts, all with a family atmosphere in mind.

Meetings

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM

The meeting location may vary so please check our web page at

<http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com>

All meetings are open to the public and non-members are welcome to attend.

Membership

Annual dues are:

\$30.00 for an individual
\$35.00 for a family.

Norfolk Anglers Club membership may be obtained by filling out this application and bringing it to the meeting or Membership Application may be mailed to the following address:

NAC
P O BOX 8422
NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422

Point of Contact

Please go to our web page for
CONTACT information

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Annual Dues:

_____ \$30.00 Individual

_____ \$35.00 Family

Family membership includes spouse and dependent children only. Family members, please complete the following:

Spouse: _____

Children (under 18)

Names: _____
