



# WIRELINE

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## Norfolk Anglers Club

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### Coming Events

**Next Meeting: Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm,**

All Meetings are Open to the Public, you do not have to be a member to come.

**Location: SHIPS CABIN RESTAURANT,**

4110 East Ocean View Ave., Norfolk, Va 23518, <http://shipscabinrestaurant.com/>

### Guest Speaker: Mike Firestone



### Topic: Sheepshead Fishing In and About the CBBT !!!

*"On Monday, July 11, Norfolk Anglers Club welcomes Master Angler Mike Firestone to share his extensive knowledge of Sheepshead fishing in and about the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Mike was one of the pioneers in discovery of this outstanding recreational fishery, and the tactics and techniques used to target this hard fighting, great eating fish. "Sheeps" have arrived in local waters and now is the time to target them. Come learn how with Mike Firestone's informative presentation. Mike will also touch on catching Spadefish he often encounters while in search of Sheepshead."*

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## A Message from the Editor

Norfolk, VA – July 2011 –

**Folks – This Month** we are pleased to host Master Angler Mike Firestone, who will be speaking and presenting his techniques of Sheepshead Fishing in and around the CBBT!

Also - Our **"Members Only" Flounder Tournament** will be the 23 July! Please see the note from JB on this and the enclosed Entry Form. Plan to put a team together and come out for the fun and festivities !!!

**Speaking of Membership**, you can renew or join for the 1<sup>st</sup> time at the meetings, just see Ned Smith the NAC Treasurer. Membership Costs are as follows: \$30 for an individual membership or \$35 for a family membership. If you have already signed up, we thank you.

The meeting promises to be good fellowship, food and fun and we look forward to seeing you there.

- So enjoy the enclosed articles, reports and photos. Then **Get out there and Get On 'Em!**

Captain Fletcher Dunton, USCG Lisc.  
NAC Wireline Editor

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## What's Catchin



**Inshore** – Flounder, Striped Bass, Bluefish, Red Drum, Black Drum, Puppy Drum, Speckled Trout, Grey Trout, Sea Bass, Croaker and more.

**Offshore Va.** – Bluefish, Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Marlin and more.

**Offshore NC** – Amberjack, Yellowfin Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna, Bluefish, King Mackerel, Mahi, Wahoo, & more

**Deep Dropping** – Sea Bass), Tilefish, Wreckfish, Grouper, and more.

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## CLUB NEWS!



# NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB "Members Only" Flounder Tournament"

### NAC Members!

Summer is here and that means it's Flounder season. The bite has improved in recent weeks and days so hopefully that bodes well for our 23 July "Members Only" Flounder Tournament. See the below entry form for all the details concerning entry and the who, what, when and where. Last years tournament was fun, yet competitive and this years promises to be the same.

Concerning entry fees. Of the \$15/angler entry fee, \$5/angler will go to food served after the tournament. Otherwise, 100% of all remaining entry fees and Calcutta \$\$ collected will be paid to the winning boat(s)!!

So boat Captains, get your crews together! If you are an angler without a boat but wish to fish, you can sign up too and we will do our dead level best to get you on a boat.

Please see our Events Coordinator, Tom Hubert, at Monday nights club meeting to register yourself and/or your team. Or, you can mail your entry to:

Norfolk Anglers Club  
PO Box 8422  
Norfolk, Va 23503

Makes checks payable to Norfolk Anglers Club. Final registration is 21 July so that we can get a head count for the food service.

Last note, our "weather day" will be Sunday, 24 July should we cancel due to weather Saturday.

Hope you all can participate. Bests. Jb

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## Members Only - FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT – 23 July 2011

### Entry Form

Captain/Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain/Member Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain/Member EMAIL Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I need a Boat Ride (Check Space) \_\_\_\_\_ (If so, just fill out the name/phone/email info above and submit this form with \$15 – we will get you on a boat)

Captain (\$15)

Angler Name (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

Angler Name (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

Angler Name (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Calcutta (\$25) Y or N

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Captain must sign this entry form, certifying that the boat captain and all participants hereby agree that they are 1) responsible for their own safety and will follow all regulations regarding catching legal fish, abiding by State and local guidelines; 2) agree not to hold Norfolk Anglers Club or its members liable for any damages or injuries during this event.

Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Rules:

This is a **BOAT** tournament. Payouts will go to the **boat(s)** with the heaviest 3 fish aggregate. The Calcutta will go to the **boat** with the single heaviest fish.

No more than 4 anglers per boat (including Captain).

Must be an NAC Member in good standing.

Lines in no earlier than 8 am.

Must be in line for weigh-in no later than 4 pm.

Virginia Saltwater Hook and Line Regulations Apply.

Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place (to be announced) - 3 fish aggregate.

Awards for Calcutta (100% Payout) - Heaviest Single Fish.

Weigh-in at Vinings Landing Marina, Norfolk, Va.

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## FISHING REPORT – Black Drumming Friday 13th

### Report By: Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower

Friday the 13th was a lucky day for me fishing! By chance I found out that Rick Wineman was going out in the afternoon and I got an invite to fish with him and his brother Dave since Dave didn't have a black citation. Rick had me killing the reds and blacks the night before so the expectation was high for a repeat. The storms were scattered and one was starting down the James when we headed out of Messick Point. Rough 4-5ft waves all across the bay until we got to Buoy 13 but there were plenty of people there and Rick said the hot spot was between 8-10. So off we go into the 4-5 ft waves again. Anchored up and in less than 30 minutes Dave fights one, 48" black, he's got his paper for the night. Then it's my turn and a rod goes off and I'm fighting something big and struggled to get it to the boat. It starts moving towards to the boat finally and then suddenly makes a 180 degree turn and made a sudden run and pop!, the line breaks.



I guess I set the star drag too tight. It wasn't my rod and I found out later it was 50lb line and I use 65 braid and thought it was too. Now I'm cautious. Ten minutes later another rod goes off. I beginning fighting what I think is a red by its repeated runs away from the boat and from side to side action turns out to be a 43" black. Reset everything and 20 minutes later I'm onto another. This is a sure black by it's actions and a big one. I get him to the net then he sees it and makes a run for it. This happened 5 times over 20 minutes. I'm refusing to tighten the line down so when he turns and runs I had to fight him back to the net. Finally on the fifth time I get him into the net. Measured 51 1/2 in. First paper for year and a nice one. All releases. By this time it got even rougher so we headed home at dusk.

~ Dr. Ike

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## FISHING REPORT – SIGHT CASTING BIG REDS

**Report By: NAC President John Brown**

Received a call from Captain Herb Gordon to join him in hunting a school of big Red Drum. A large school had been spotted for several days east of the CBBT 4th Island.



With the help of a "buddy boat" also looking for Reds, we found dozens, if not hundreds of big Reds cruising near the surface.



We used 2-3oz buck tail jigs with large curly tails to lure 5 "hogs" to the boat. All fish were in the 48 – 52 inch range.

~JB

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## FISHING REPORT – One Fish But It Was the Winner!

**Report By: Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower**

Went fishing for the VBFA Cobia Classic Tournament starting out at 5:00am with Russell Willoughby on his boat Big Bonus which is a 24 ft Robalo with a cobia tower. Gerry Hughes, Bob Shutman and I were crew. Headed straight to the Latimer Shoals from Crab Creek. Wind was up to 15 SW and cloudy with sprinkles but as we eased through the High Rise we saw a beautiful rainbow. I took that to be God's promise of a good day.

We set up in choppy water in the last two hours of the ebb tide chumming and chucking menhaden. Most lines with menhaden heads and parts but one with an eel free line. Half an hour later my TLD15 line with circle hook goes off and I've got a cobia on. Nice first run and fight with the current pulling hard but get him to the boat in 10 minutes and the takes off again. Several trips near the net finally ends in the net. He's 45 inches and my scale says between 32-35lbs. We were one happy crew just knowing that we at least had a fish to weigh in even if it wasn't that big.

Within the next hour we hooked up two more cobia one about the size of mine and one was a small one that was under 37". That was all the cobia we saw for the rest of the day. We caught sharks and cow nose rays through the chumming times but never hooked another cobia. We fished several more spots along the Latimer Shoals and went sight fishing for them too around the 4th and Hi Rise on both sides of the CBBT but never saw another one. Lots of rays though.



We stayed out to make the turn of the current again but still no joy. We did hear of several fish being hooked up and fought on the radio but no one claimed to get one boated. Phone contact told us about the fish on Don Anderson's team was still being fought so we flew to Long Bay Creek at 40+mph hoping for the best.

Weigh in was a surprise. Only George's team was there with two huge cow nose rays. So we weighed in at 31 lb 13oz (must have lost weigh in the fishwell) and counted down the minutes. We got word that Don was at the 4th and they had just boated a 50+ fish after 2 1/2 hours of fighting it on 25lb line, right as the 5:00pm deadline occurred. We couldn't believe it. WE HAD WON!! One fish caught at 7:00 am and it won Out of 15 boats that had entered. Unbelievable. Felt good to win but I would have been happy with 2nd place behind a fish as big as David's fish.

On way back we pull into the entrance of Crab Creek and who pulls right behind us but Don Anderson's boat. We get to the ramp and talk with him and David's dad and David. That fish was a beauty. I read it weighed in at 57 lbs at OE2. Congrats to David. Sometimes winning is just a matter of time and luck. We had them both.

Ike

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## FISHING REPORT – Heartbreaking Norfolk Canyon Overnight

**Report By: Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower**

When on an overnight trip to the Norfolk Canyon on Mike Avery's Seaduction (29ft Hydrasport 2900VX) with Lanie (Mike's wife), Fletcher and Ron as crew. Left Friday at 8:00am to a calm bay but sizable chop in the ocean with SW breeze. Tried the 26 mile hill when we heard a bite of BFT was on that morning but none for us. In the canyon we trolled there too on the north side but only got gaffer mahi around the lobster pots. My biggest was the one in the picture. Set up on the north side for the night for swords. We say pilot whales everywhere in the canyon. Calm as glass all night and through the next day. We chummed and chucked bunker all night. The sword lights attracted millions of squid throughout the night so we jiggled them for bait for the swords. Around midnight one of the 30 Wide rods near me goes off and I'm fighting it for about a 40 minutes. It just wanted to go deep and when he put pressure on going deeper at one point the mainline parted near the leader. No joy #1.

The next hit came about an hour later and this one takes most of the line. I am back on the rod and I settle in for a long fight. This one is fighting like a sword. Before Mike can clear all the lines, the other rod goes off (fresh squid again). Seriously, a double!! All the nights I have spent out in the deep with no pulls, we have 2 on at once. Mike jumps on this rod and this is a lit up big arse sword on the surface. Come tight and no way to control this beast, he is still on the surface and get a good look at him. Shoots to the bow, then to the starboard side where I am is battling my fish and he wraps around my line. There was no way to keep the lines apart on a small boat, of course they tangle.

No choice but to cut the line so Mike does so I keep fighting the fish.



I battled this sword for 1 1/2 hours before getting him up near the top. 200-250 lb class sword. I'm in pain despite the harness and all giving me support but my hands are almost numb by the end of the 1 1/2 hrs fighting him to the surface. I get leader line on the reel and he's on the surface then the sword makes a final run and ends up in the props. No freaking way....Mike grabs his harpoon and sticks him but not the best shot. Raise the motor and he goes to the swim platform to try to free him. He cuts the line and then the sword starts to slide away and the dart pulls free and now the fish is free but momentarily hangs there. Before I can get a gaff, I try to grab him and I do touch him but nothing to get a hold of as he makes one gentle flap of his tail and goes straight down. WTF...no way this just happened. My first thought was to jump in the water to try to grab him but quickly realized this was a bad plan so I watch him swim away while my heart sinks. Mike cried out in anguish. We search the area with flashlights for a little while thinking he may be on the surface recovering but no luck. No other hits that night. I am numb from the fight, exhausted and collapsed in the cabin and get some sleep.

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Two hours later I'm up and the pre-dawn sunrise is starting and I see tuna's jumping all over near our stern chasing squid. We wake up everyone and it's game on for tuna. Troll at first light and there is a good bite from first light until about 8 am before it shuts down. Pilot whales everywhere. Slick calm seas enabled us to see the skippies on the surface which is where the YFT hits came off. We ended up going 2 for 8 on the YFT making all the rookie mistakes from anglers resting during the fight so the hook pulls to putting too much pressure at the end game. Fletcher and Lanie get their fish to the boat with Lanie getting a nice 50 lb YFT.



Glad to see her get the biggest one as she has not cranked a tuna in a long time. At times it's doubles, triples and one time 4 rods went off. I get two of them to the gaff and they either break off the tackle or they got off the hook avoiding the gaff.

Awesome action, fast and furious but no joy #2.



After around 8am the tuna are not hitting any more so we ran to the Navy buoys for mahi and triggers. They are there but only a few are offering themselves to us. We round out the trip out with a total of 10 mahi, half and half gaffers and balers, two triggers, two tuna and my one sword release citation. Plenty of meat but we're left with "would of's, could of's and should of's" going over and over the night with the swords. Oh well. Have to do it again soon. Great trip overall, one I'll never forget.

Dr. Ike

Lucian



**Thank you for your Reports!!!**

**Please Share Reports and Photos!  
Email them to**

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## NAC APPAREL

The new NAC short sleeve T's are now available. The quality T's come in two colors and offer two different designs on the back. Each has the NAC logo on the front pocket.

We have sizes ranging from Medium to 3X. First come, first serve so be sure to get your T's now while we have abundant stock. Cost is \$15 for all sizes. See "jb" at the next club meeting to get yours.



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## Parting Thoughts ...



“ I DO DECLARE TO UPHOLD THE IDEALS AND STANDARDS OF THE FISHING BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD. A BOND THAT REQUIRES I NEVER DRIVE BY A BAIT SHOP IN HASTE. THAT I SPREAD THE LOVE OF FISHING TO ALL MEMBERS OF MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND COHORTS AT WORK. THAT I ALWAYS MAKE SURE THE COFFEE IS HOT AND THE BEER COLD. TO TIE MY KNOTS WITH CARE AND TREAT MY GEAR WITH RESPECT AND KEEP THE BOTTOM OF MY BOAT CLEAN. THAT I EMERGE FROM THE WATER TO MOW THE LAWN AT LEAST ONCE A SUMMER. ”

**MUST FISH NOW.**

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~St. Criox



# NAC PRIZE FISH CONTEST RULES

Rules regarding our annual PRIZE FISH CONTEST and are posted on the NAC website.

In a nutshell, our rules will closely parallel the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament for saltwater fish and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for freshwater. However, there are a few small differences so please visit the NAC PRIZE FISH CONTEST page on the NAC website.

Most important, we need for everyone to PARTICIPATE in the contest. If you catch (or have caught) a fish in calendar year 2008 meeting citation criteria, simply make a copy of your citation application or fill out the NAC PRIZE FISH ENTRY FORM and provide that to our Awards Director at our next meeting, it's that easy.

At year's end, we will recognize those anglers that catch the "prize" fish in each category plus recognize some overall "Anglers of the Year". Again, please visit the website to learn the details of the contest rules. Let's make our contest fun and competitive, Please Participate.

## NAC Prize Fish Entry Form

**Please fill out the following information. All weights must be on certified scales, witnessed & caught on hook & line in accordance with the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament.**

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Place Caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Lure or Bait: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_ oz. Length \_\_\_\_ Feet \_\_\_\_ Inches

☐ The fish was released    ☐ The fish was tagged    ☐ Adult Angler    ☐ Jr. Angler    Age \_\_\_\_\_

Angler's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Boat name \_\_\_\_\_

**I Certify that all the above information is correct:**

Angler's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your awards to the new awards director who will be available at the meetings. You must be an NAC Member in good standing to qualify.

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# Cool Links

Norfolk Anglers Club - <http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com/>

ICW Speckled Trout Shootout - <http://www.ICWSpeckledTroutShootOut.com>

Norfolk Anglers Club "Prize Fish Entry Form" - [http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com/tournaments/prize\\_fish\\_entry\\_form.pdf](http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com/tournaments/prize_fish_entry_form.pdf)

NAC Bylaws - <http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com/bylaws/Norfolk%20Anglers%20Club%20ByLaws.pdf>

VBSF - <http://vbsf.net/>

CCA Virginia - <http://www.ccavirginia.org/>

100 Fathom Fishing Club - <http://100ffc.com/forum/index.php>

Bloodydecks.com - <http://www.bloodydecks.com/>

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Fishing Knots - <http://www.thejump.net/fishing-knots/fishing-knots.htm>

Fishing Knots - <http://www.animatedknots.com/>

Fishing Homer Alaska - <http://www.fishinghomer.alaska.com/>

Coast Guard Auxiliary - <http://nws.cgaux.org/index.html>

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N. Carolina Fishing License - <http://www.ncfisheries.net/recreational/NCCRFL.htm>

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World Wide Charter Guide Directory - <http://www.charter-guide.info/index.php>

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