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Coming Events

Next Meeting: Mon., May 14th, 7 pm, All Meetings are Open to the Public

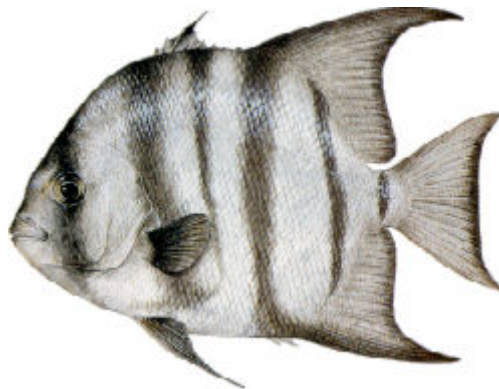
Location: Martins Restaurant, 331 E. Bayview Blvd., near Tidewater Dr. in Norfolk

Map:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=l&hl=en&q=Martins+Restaurant&near=norfolk,Va.23503&btnG=Search&ll=36.933102,-76.256211&spn=0.012006,0.019956>

Guest Speaker: Claude Bain – SPADEFISH

Topics will include Claude's experiences and techniques on catching Spadefish as well as covering information on the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament.



Tournament Trails: None at this time

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A Message from the Editor

Norfolk, VA – Finally, warmer temps, calmer seas and the fishing is picking up. I see people at the marinas, cleaning, primping their boats, getting ready for what looks like a banner season.

It's exciting to be back on the water after the recent blows. Boats are showing along the usual spots in full force. Flounder and Togs are providing excellent action as well as Sea Bass and Tiles amongst the deluge of Dog Sharks on the deep wrecks.

It won't be long before the Red & Black Drum bite goes off and the Spadefish show up around structure.

You will see from the reports, there is a variety of species being targeted and caught. I am hearing reports offshore of Mahi, YFT, BFT, Wahoo, Sailfish, Bluefish and more.

Get out, enjoy Natures Bounty, practice safe boating as well as keeping what you eat and releasing those fish you don't really need. Be mindful of the fishing regulations and be sure you are licensed.

If you haven't joined the NAC, you can do so by contacting Darryl Schmitt (Treasurer) and let him know your intentions, he can be contacted at ds422@aol.com or by calling him direct at 620-4339. Costs are as follows: \$30 for an individual membership or \$35 for a family membership. You can also join at the meetings. If you have already joined, we thank you.

Remember we have our own forum on Tidalfish, it can be found by looking at the message boards link then look under Clubs & Associations or you can click here <http://www.tidalfish.com/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=33>

Do Your Homework

By: Lucian Montagna

I have been asked by many individuals how we find out targeted species on any given day, I can attest from experience I don't leave the dock blind, I do my HOMEWORK in advance which dramatically increases my catch ratio.

Inshore: I check local reports, weather, tides, talk to friends; ask what colors and baits are working, water depth, temp and clarity for a particular species.

I leave the dock with options. I try to pick areas where there are several choices near by to get my targeted species. I have charts with depth contours, structure, etc.

Also, if you keep a log of your catches and refer to them year to year you will see similarities that tell you where the fish may be and what they are feeding on at a particular time of year. All of these things MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Offshore: This is a more difficult topic, it's a BIG OCEAN and the targeted pelagic species can and do move around according to water temps, current, winds, upwelling's and sea conditions.

I plan my offshore trips a few days in advance, prepping the boat, priming my rigs, checking fishing reports, weather, looking at the satellite shots of temperature edges in areas I suspect are holding fish.

Off our coast for example, the gulf stream moves in and out and the temps can vary dramatically or can be blended. If I target Yellowfin Tuna, I target areas that are usually full of life, preferably along edges 25 - 100 fathoms, but if the water is not in the right temperature range, I know it would more likely be a waste of fuel to make the run.

Every species has its own preference of water temp, structure, depth, etc. and it's important to identify in advance and have the ability to adapt according to what you find once you arrive at the fishing grounds. Sometimes you arrive where you thought the water was and it has since pushed further out, if you are smart you can usually head south and east to find the break or refer to a recent satellite shot. You may be fishing an eddy where there's a small area with ideal temps holding the fish, the trick is to identify the area and try to stay inside it, watching the temp and location. This water can and usually does move as the day progresses, so you may start off one place and find yourself miles away from the starting place by the end of the day.

Match the Hatch, find out what's been working, leave the dock with a variety of colors, sizes and choices. You don't have to have everything, but have duplicates of basic color combinations. Any given time of day the bite can change from one preference to another. Color and Size are important. Sometimes the fish want smaller baits, other times they want the baits a little bigger, Be Ready, Adapt.

Enclosed temp shot shows how the Gulf Stream edges in and out along the canyons, ledges, etc. If you compare the shots by the day, you may see a pattern of change. Use this change to your advantage, know in advance if the water is pushing in or out.

Also check out the following links which are also posted every month below:

Tidalfish.com - <http://www.tidalfish.com>

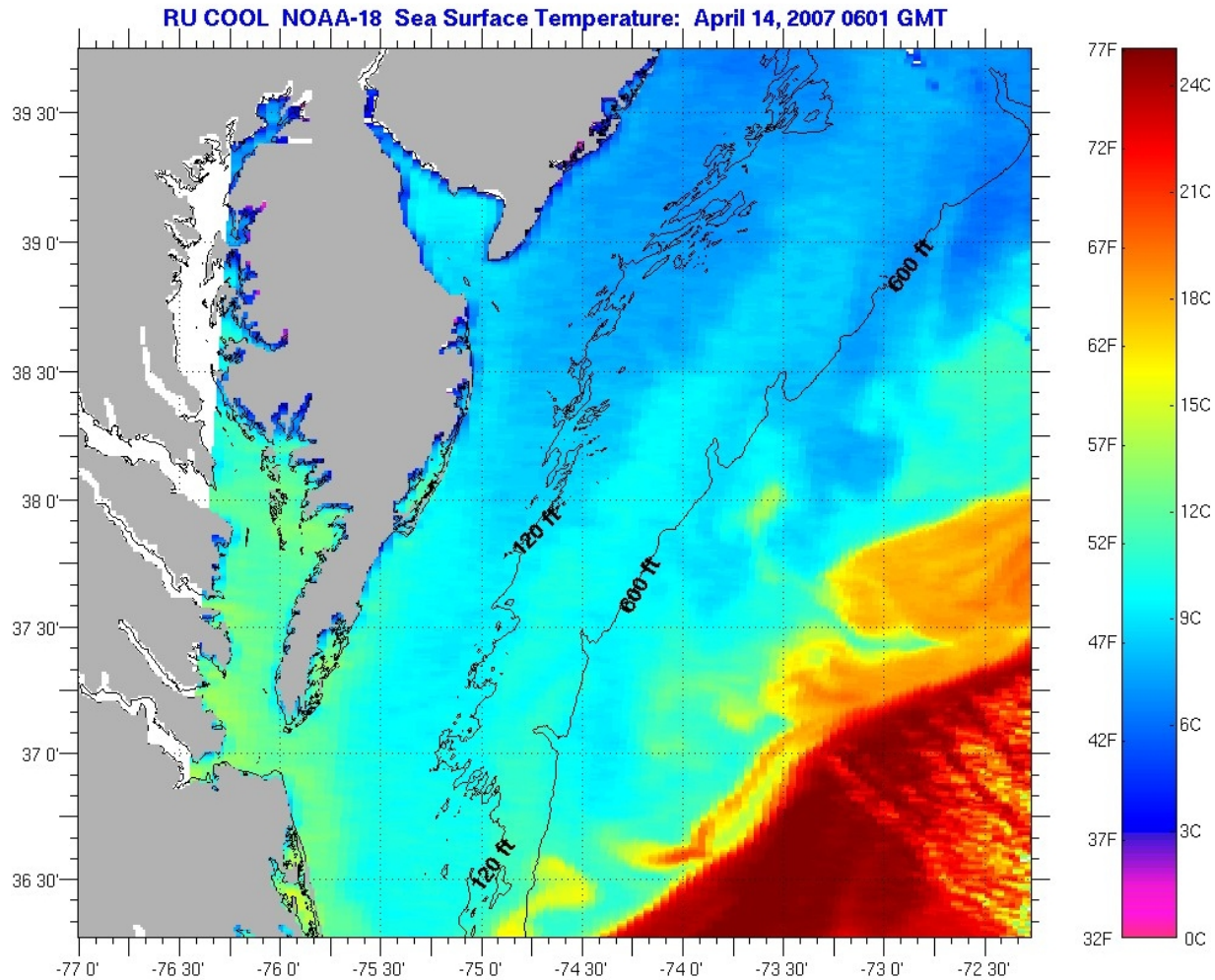
Hot Spots Water Temp Charts - <http://sstcharts.com/>

NOAA Marine Forecast - <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/>

Weather Underground - <http://www.weatherunderground.com/>

Rutgers Sea Surface Temps - http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?product=sst¬humbs=0

Tidal Charts - <http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/tideshow.cgi?site=Chesapeake+Bay+Entrance%2C+Virginia+Current+%282%29>



What's Catchin

Inshore – Taug, Flounder, Bluefish, Croakers, Grey Trout, Speckled Trout, Puppy Drum and more.

Offshore Va. - Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Bluefish and more.

Offshore NC - Yellowfin Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Big Eye Tuna, Bluefish, King Mackeral, Mahi, Wahoo & more

Deep Dropping – Sea Bass, Tilefish, Taugs, Triggerfish, Grouper and more.

Recent Catches

Flounder

By: Lucian Montagna

ONE LAST DRIFT - Sat., 4/14/2007

Boat: Fishin Fool
31' Contender FA

Crew:
Lucian (Fishin Fool)
Bill (Usual Suspects)
Dennis (Hookinfinger)

We left the dock at 9:30 am, headed to the 3rd for a little flounder action. Lines in shortly and I manage an 18 1/4" Throwback.

We make more drifts only to catch the Dogs before the blow. We moved around, here, there, back over here again, then back over there. NO ACTION, LOST OPPORTUNITIES, FEW BITES THAT DIDN'T COME TIGHT.

LONG DAY, I had decided to call it a day when Warren (Frozen) called me and had picked up a couple just north and east of me, I asked my crew what they wanted to do and since everyone was aboard, I decided we would run and give it ONE LAST TRY.

We drop our lines and shortly thereafter I feel him feeding on my bait, I fed him, waited, then as Louis says, "I SET HIS ASS". I feel his weight and Bill gets the net, looks over the side and says "THE NET ISN'T BIG ENOUGH", but he does an excellent job of getting the fish in head first and it's HIGH FIVES all around. A STUD FLOUNDER 29" LONG, 8 lbs. of Paper.

We made a few more drifts to no avail and call it a day. It was great talking to everyone on the water today.



Dennis, Lucian & Bill



Here are a few pics from Lou Rajnys who fished on the same day:



Sea Bass Report ***By: Lucian Montagna***

Boat: Fishin Fool
31' Contender FA

Crew: Lucian (Fishin Fool), Bill (Usual Suspects), Louis Glaser, Kevin, Dr. Ike

We left the dock around 5:45 AM, headed DEEP in search of Tiles & Sea Bass, nice big ground swells, cruising along at 40 mph. We arrived at the 50 fathom curve, found structure and proceeded DEEP DOGGIN, one after another as fast as we could crank.

We did manage 1 sea bass before deciding it just wasn't worth it. We headed 5 miles inshore to a local wreck, where we caught a small smattering of nice bass, then it was DOGGIN TIME AGAIN.

We headed SOUTH, looking here and there before arriving at another designated wreck, dropped and started catching more nice sea bass, then again the dogs showed themselves.

It was getting close to time for us to head in so we started running, saw another wreck on the way in and decided to give it another try. We caught a nice assortment of more bass and of course we then started DOGGIN again, but we caught more bass in spite of it.

What can I say a GREAT DAY on the WATER with a GREAT CREW.

For me it was a WELCOME BREAK from REALITY.



Report: Willoughby Puppy Drum
By: Darryl Schmitt

Willoughby Spit Jetty - April 2

I arrived at WSJ around 8:00 pm and the blitz was on. The trout bite had been hot for the previous three nights and tonight was no exception. Approximately 40+ other anglers were lined up along the rocks also. Once I was able to squeeze in and find myself a spot to fish, I managed to catch 5, 15" trout using 4" storms. I caught my first drum, a 23" pup on a storm.

Lots of trout caught by all , most leaving with their limit. Bite turned off at 9:30 when tide went slack.

Here's my first pup:



Hatteras Gaffers

Report By: Lou Rajnys

Fishing out of HI with James, Ron and Bruce. We ran a short 19nm to the edge of the stream, water temp went from 64 to 74 in less than a 1/4 mile. Hard edge with a color change and tons of current and life. Sharks, turtles, sunfish and porpoises were EVERYWHERE!!!!

We managed two small gaffers and lost two fish on the planer didn't really understand it but that's how it goes, the baits were completely stripped clean, not a trace of meat both baits were double hook rigged as well!?!?!? All in all a fun day on the water, already looking forward to the next trip.

Thanks again to Bruce, James and Ron!!!

Oh yeah... at least two separate times throughout the day we had sharks doing what appeared to be chasing Mahi around in our spread. I wish I had the video camera rolling because that was awesome the shark would come in and the Mahi would air out to get away. Would have rather caught them but still cool to see.

James with his mahi



Ron with his Mahi



Thresher Shark
Report By: Doug Johnson

Here's a nice pic of a Thresher Shark caught by Doug Johnson on the Matador with Capt. Jake



Quepos, Costa Rica Sport Fishing

Today may have been one of the best days I have had in a long time out of Quepos, Costa Rica. We welcomed back Capt. Reese Bowles who has been with us on several occasions as well as his son Zach and friend Mike.

Capt Reese really wanted to see if he could nab something on the fly but ever selfless he said we had to catch his friend Mike and son Zach catch one on conventional. The morning started out with a small Marlin crashing the short lure we keep on an 80, then he changed over to the long rigger and ate it but never came tight. We then released a sailfish and had several others bite but at long last we got Mike one about lunch-time.

We got the green light to switch over to fly fishing, we had barely gotten everything set up when a sailfish showed up on the short teaser. Sometimes, the sailfish will allow you a little room for error, other times the sailfish will require that you do everything perfect this was one of those times, Zach was up to the task.

We had just discussed what to do when a sailfish eats it straight on and after executing a perfect cast that sailfish circled around and came straight in on the fly. Zach was dialed in and

stripped out line until he had a better angle then gave him a low sweep strike towards his tail and proceeded to hook and land the first billfish he ever threw a fly to. Great Job!

Then it was Capt. Reese's turn. The next fish up was about a 350# Blue Marlin that crashed the long teaser. Ceaser did an excellent job of teasing him in even though he crashed the bait four times on the way. Capt. Reese made a picture perfect cast and soon after the fly hit the water it was crushed and the fight was on. At first the Marlin just kind of sat there about 15 feet down and we tried to back down for the miracle release, the but section was just out of reach. Then she just kind of walked away and we started to back down some more. It looked like she was going to be polite as we started to get the fly line back on the reel but that's about the time I believe she figured out she was hooked and shot off like a cannon popping the tippet before the first jump. She jumped seven or eight times as we all stood there mesmerized by the show. Today was another example of how easy it can be to catch your first billfish on the fly.



Share your reports Email them to Lucian Montagna @ lmontagnaj@aol.com

Recipes

BLUE CHEESE FLOUNDER

Recipe By: Gus on Tidalfish

Serving Size: 6

- 2 1/2 pounds flounder fillets
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 pound blue cheese -- crumbled
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

salt and pepper -- to taste
vegetable cooking spray
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Bake fish fillets on a pan sprayed with vegetable cooking spray until almost done, about 10 minutes.

Combine the butter, blue cheese, lemon juice, salt and pepper in a small saucepan and heat until thickened, stirring constantly.

Remove fish fillets from the oven and pour the sauce over the fillets. Broil 5-7 minutes or until slightly browned.

Per Serving: 509 Calories; 32g Fat (56.7% calories from fat); 52g Protein; 2g Carbohydrate; trace Dietary Fiber; 168mg Cholesterol; 1287mg Sodium

NOTES: You can substitute any white fish for the flounder

We will need recipes every month, if you have a recipe you really like, please feel free and share, by Emailing Lucian Montagna at lmontagnaj@aol.com

NAC Apparel



T-Shirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Visors & Hats

Can be purchased by contacting Darryl Schmitt, a supply will be available at the meetings.

NAC Bumperstickers will be available at the meetings.

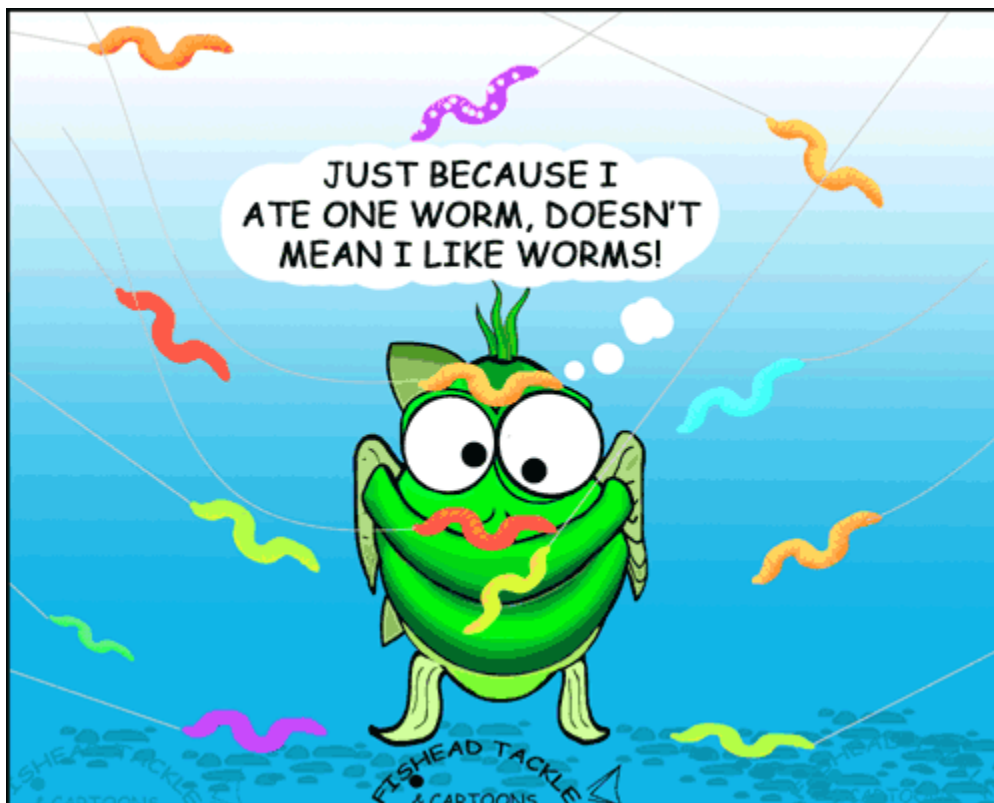


NAC Apparel Sale

Item	Regular Price	Sale Price
Short Sleeve T-Shirts	\$15	\$10
Long Sleeve T-Shirts	\$18	\$12
Sweatshirts	\$25	\$15
Hats & Visors	\$15	\$14

All Sale Items will be available at the Meetings

Picture of the Month



Cool Links

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

Norfolk Anglers Club Message Board on Tidalfish - <http://www.tidalfish.com/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=33>

NAC Bylaws -

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

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

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

Tidalfish.com - <http://www.tidalfish.com>

Hot Spots Water Temp Charts - <http://sstcharts.com/>

NOAA Marine Forecast - <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/>

Weather Underground - <http://www.weatherunderground.com/>

How To Sharpen Hooks -

http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/education/catalog/hooksharpening.pdf

Rutgers Sea Surface Temps -

http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?product=sst¬humbs=0

Tidal Charts -

<http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/tideshow.cgi?site=Chesapeake+Bay+Entrance%2C+Virginia+Current+%282%29>

Fuel Tax Refund Forms - <http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/pdf/fms216.pdf>

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

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

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

Search Fish Base - <http://www.fishbase.org/search.php?lang=English>

Cheapest Gas & Diesel Prices - <http://www.virginiabeachgasprices.com/index.aspx>

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

Virginia Coastal Access Now - <http://www.vcanaccess.com>

Prayers Needed

Please pray for Kathy Eisenhower's continued improvement. Kathy is back at work and doing remarkably well.

Also, we ask for Special Prayers for Sandy Cole, Scott's wife, please pray for her continued improvement, she has finished treatments and pray her disease is eradicated.

Some of our very own members are headed to Iraq, we pray for their safe return as well as for all our armed forces in harms way.

If you know of any members who are in need of prayers, please send their names to lmontagnaj@aol.com and I will add them to the list.

NAC Prize Fish Recognition Form

Please fill out the following information. All weights must be on certified scales, witnessed & caught on hook & line.

Date: ____/____/____

Species: _____

Place Caught: _____

Lure or Bait: _____

Weight ____ lbs ____ oz. Length ____ inches

Jr. Angler Adult Angler Please Check if the fish was released.

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 a NAC Member in good standing to qualify.
