



# WIRELINE

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## **Coming Events**

**Next Meeting: Mon., October 13th, 7 pm**, All Meetings are Open to the Public, you do not have to be a member to come.

**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 Speakers: John Brown – Catching Fall Speckled Trout** – John is an accomplished Speckled Trout Fisherman and is going to share his knowledge of baits, techniques, tackle and what types of locations look for to help you catch Big Specs.



**Tournament Trails:** None at this time.

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## A Message from the Editor

*Norfolk, VA* – Fall is upon us and the weather is starting to change. Some species of fish have already begun migrating out the bay heading to their winter grounds. This is a great time to fish, both inshore and off. You will find decent catches of flounder heading out of the bay and along the wrecks. Speckled trout and puppy drum fishing is heating up inshore. The BIG spot have shown up along the lower bay as well as in and around Rudy inlet. Offshore, the cooling water will make for nice temp breaks and the tuna should start showing in force. Also, October is typically a great month for Wahoo off Va. along the offshore wrecks, structures, breaks, etc. Look for a good weather day, get out and CATCH SOME FISH.

This month's speaker is our own NAC MEMBER, John Brown. John is an accomplished speckled trout fisherman who is going to share his knowledge of targeting this great eating species. The best part is you don't have to wander out into the bay to catch some nice quality fish. Come to the meeting and learn what John has to share.

Also, if you are an NAC MEMBER, John and Nancy Brown are hosting an OYSTER ROAST/FISH FRY on October 4<sup>th</sup>. This event is FREE for NAC PAID MEMBERS. If you are not a member and would like to attend, just email John at [nactreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nactreasurer@gmail.com), and you can join for a mere \$30 individual or \$35 family (There is a discounted rate available to cover the remainder of 2008).

If you haven't joined the NAC, you can do so by contacting John Brown (Treasurer), he can be contacted at, [nactreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nactreasurer@gmail.com). Membership 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 signed up, 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>

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## What's Catchin

**Inshore** – Flounder, Tautog, Bluefish, Speckled Trout, Puppy Drum, Spadefish, Cobia, Croaker, and more.

**Offshore Va.** – Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Sailfish, Swordfish, Bluefish, Mako Shark, Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Mahi, Wahoo and more.

**Offshore NC** - Blue Marlin, Yellowfin Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna, Big Eye Tuna, Bluefish, King Mackerel, Mahi, Wahoo & more

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

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## Recent Catches

### Team Jack Ass Pup's Report

*Report By: Dennis*

As a lot of folks know Billy (Team Jackass) had a stroke some weeks back. In addition, his first mate had an accidental fall and broke both his wrists.

So, I talked with Billy today and mentioned that there was a good run of Puppy Drum in front of my place yesterday, he was ready to go and so was John.

They are both rehabbing really well!

Here are a couple of pictures. Billy's left arm is still a little weak and so is John's, so they worked in tandem by turning the rod upside down to reel in Pups. You cannot hold good fisherman down!

Here are a few pictures.



## **Took My Dad Fish'n**

**Report By: Jamie**

My Dad Dave lives in Kokomo Indiana and comes here every year this time for a week. We usually chase flounder, but with the water so churned up from the storms, we decided to head up the river.

The weather has really sucked with the wind and rain, the Northeaster blowing around. We goofed off at the gun range and Golden Corral, waiting on the Thursday mess to clear out. Saltwater was going to be hit or miss at best, summer fish are heading south and winter fish are not here yet. Water temps and conditions made it a great day to go to Busch Gardens, but fish to take home was the game plan and so where else to go get quality fish and plenty of pullage than the James River.

Dad arrived at the house at 8am in a pouring rain Saturday morning and said this is a NO GO, yea right, he had no idea what I had planned for him today. I showed him the radar just so he knew the rain was only along the coast and where I was taking him there was no rain. We loaded the truck and headed to Tony's house where he was hooking up the boat and just about ready. Down the road we go, rolling down 460, YEP YOU GUESSED IT - HOPEWELL!!!

We arrived at the city marina, launch, idle around looking for bait and Tony throws the cast net, nothing but blue cats about 10 to 12 inches long, back they go. Second throw, third, fourth, this sux, lots tries and 1 shad to show for it. I have a bucket of mullet, 2 spot and 3 menhaden I brought from home so we head on out into the river and hit a few spots with limited results of eaters in the 18 inch range for the cooler.

We slipped into herring creek and set out the gill net and let it soak for 30 minutes, 200 big fat blue crabs were tangled in the net along with just 2 shad. After an hour of drifting in circles, Dad & Tony get all the crabs out of the net and stow it away. We run out in the channel, parked 25 feet from Buoy #91. I say parked because we did not anchor, we used my CLT method.

Before all 5 rods could be put out, with the only 2 fresh bait fish we had, fish on, lost a 20+ pounder at the boat, NO NET? Tony what's wrong with YOU? We were just going after eaters not trophy size fish today so we have no scales or net.

A couple eaters heaved over the side of the boat and loose another trophy fish at the boat 40+ pounds, we fish here, fish there and Dad gets a 30+ that Tony was dead set on getting in the boat for a photo op, he leaders the fish and wraps the line around both wrists and in comes Dad's biggest fish ever a 30+ pound range easy!

I get a few, Dad gets a few more, Tony lands a couple and then the smallest rod with a 3/0 circle and a whole 4 inch menhaden goes down hard and Tony reaches out and lifts the rod up and cranks on the fish, he's hooked, nice fish, too big for a keeper though, in the 20's easy. Drag slams and the fish hauls tail 30+ lb fish. It gets close to the boat and it's bigger than 30 pounds for sure, 40's maybe. The hog has no intention of meeting any human beans today though and back to the depths of the river it goes; 10 minuets later the fish surfaces again, this thing is in the 50's, up for the last time. Tony stop playing and give me the rod, I reel down and heave up several times and bring the fish to the surface as Tony hangs over the side of the boat with a tie down S hook to slip in the bottom jaw of the fishes mouth. FINALLY up & in the boat they both collapse. Tony with his new girlfriend, somewhere in the mid 50's easy (That's all I will allow him to brag about 55 pounds)

It's now 5 pm and we are still a hour away from the boat ramp and 2 hour drive from home. We cut ourselves loose and head up river to the ramp. We head home with a cooler full of eaters for Dad to take back to Indiana. We cleaned the fish, packed in vac bags and ice for the trip back to Indiana.

Dad should be on his way just about now this morning, good thing he has cruise control in the Aurora because his arms are going to be sore for a few days. Who says you have to fish at NIGHT or wait until the water gets COLD!! Brought home 8 eaters threw back a dozen others including a couple in the 20's, a 30ish, lost a 40 at the boat, landed a 50+, 20 some fish all together, we had a

great day.

THANKS AGAIN FOR HAULING US UP THERE IN YOUR RIG!!





## Small Cobia

*Picture By: Erik Moore*

A smallish Cobia caught on a recent trip.



## Cobia

*Report By: Capt. Mike Beane of Blue Dragon Charters*

After the storm, I decided that maybe it was time for the Captains to catch fish so i made some calls and talked Capt. Fred Hill that runs the Margaritaville out of Long Bay Point into making an afternoon run with me.

We left around 330 in the afternoon and headed to the cape after a few pointless attempts trying to net bunker. We went into the shallows and netted 30 or so mullet and headed out until we found a few bunker.

We heard some chat on the radio about spinner sharks a few miles out, so we pointed the bow east and put the hammer down. We ran to the tower and tried to drop live bait, but they weren't eating.

After a short discussion with Pat on the Wave Runner II we head farther East and set up. Spinners were breaching everywhere 10, 20, 30 min. pass by and nothing. We scaled down baits and started getting bites. We released a few just shy of the 54in min and then after nightfall the rod with the cut bunker plug takes a deep bow, Fred gets on it and after a minute I hear "hey he just burned up the reel!" The Penn 320 LD had lost the main gear so now it was in permanent free spool.

Fred started reeling the spool with his fingers and applies drag with his thumb. After the 6th trip around the boat and 8 jumps in the dark she gets close then in the edge of the lights we see a big shadow, COBIA! It glides under the boat and I'm trying to pitch a live mullet at it and it ignores it. Mean while Fred's line comes tight and we start thinking the same thing that was Fred's fish!

2 more trips around the boat and Mr. Brown suit does the same dumb move and cruises to the side of the boat with almost no rod pressure on it (Fred is still catching up with his thumb). We decide the dumb brown clown needs to die. He swims on the surface and with one hard stroke the gaff hit the throat and through the gill plate, through the air and onto the deck a 44 lb of cobia comes alive on the deck.



**C Time in the DEEP**  
*Report By: Brian Hodson*

"C-Time" left Little Creek Inlet about 0415. Joining Cathy and I were Mike, Wes Blow, and a rookie colleague from work, Rick Overbaugh.

The tile fishing was great. A nice class of fish, with one 11-12 citation for Wes and a lot of fish under ten pounds. We had a limit of 35 in just less than three hours.

Cathy with a nice BLT



Rick with a nice double



Wes wanted to try a jig, and this is what he got



After finishing with BLTs, we moved a short distance to some deeper water to try for grouper. Unfortunately, each of us hooked up once, and each time we brought up a wreckfish. Should be good eating, but we'd rather have the grouper.



We visited buoys on the south side of the canyon before heading home and managed a few bailers.



Share your reports Email them to Lucian Montagna @ [lmontagnaj@aol.com](mailto:lmontagnaj@aol.com)

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## The "Gourmet Angler"

### Hush Puppies

*Recipe By: Lucian*

Amount	Measure	Ingredient	Preparation Method
5	pounds	cornmeal	
12	cups	self-rising flour	
6	cups	sugar	
1/2	package	onion powder	

Mix Dry Ingredients together - Store until making a batch.

To make a batch:

Mix 8 cups of dry mix with 3 eggs & hot water or milk.

Roll into balls and drop in hot oil (325 F – 350 F)

Important; do not to have oil too hot.

Cook until done.

## Oklahoma Caviar

Recipe By: Lucian

Amount	Measure	Ingredient -- Preparation Method
2	cans	blackeyed peas -- drained and rinsed
1	can	white hominy -- drained and rinsed
3	medium	tomatoes -- chopped
3	medium	green peppers -- chopped
3	cloves	garlic -- chopped
3		jalapeno pepper -- chopped optional
3		scallions -- chopped
1/4	cup	fresh parsley -- chopped
8	ounces	italian dressing
		tortilla chips

Mix all but tortilla chips and refridgerate at least 2 hours.  
Serve with tortilla chips.

*We need recipes every month, if you have a recipe you really like, please feel free to share, Email to Lucian Montagna at [lmontagnaj@aol.com](mailto:lmontagnaj@aol.com)*

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## Picture of the Month



I saw this on BloodyDecks.com

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# Cool Links

**Norfolk Anglers Club** - <http://www.norfolkanglersclub.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)

**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/>

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

**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](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&nothumbs=0](http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?product=sst&nothumbs=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>

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

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## Prayers Needed

Billy Rellos recently had a stroke and is currently rehabbing at home; please keep him in your prayers.

Billy's Fishin Bud, John fell and broke both wrists; please keep him in your prayers as well.

Special Intentions, I won't name names due to privacy, but there is a person with cancer who is dear to the NAC and in need of our prayers.

Prayers for our Armed Forces in Harms Way, may they have safe passage.

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

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## NAC Apparel



T-Shirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Visors, Hats & Bumper Stickers Can be purchased by contacting John Brown [nactreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nactreasurer@gmail.com), a supply will be available at the meetings.

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## 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 (John Brown) 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.

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# 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

Jr. Angler  Adult Angler

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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