



# WIRELINE

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## **Norfolk Anglers Club**

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## **Coming Events**

**Next Meeting: Mon., September 8th, 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: – Capt. Will Branson –** Scuba Diving Offshore Wrecks and sharing knowledge on how the Fish Lay along the structure. This will be a great presentation which will help fishermen understand how and where to target fish along structure. Capt. Will will have detailed sidescan sonar pics on how the wrecks lay and where the fish are located.

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

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# A Message from the Editor

Norfolk, VA – I want to congratulate the NAC, who took Second in the Annual Club Challenge. They fished tough sea conditions and still managed a respectable catch. Also congratulations to team Tidalfish who took 1<sup>st</sup>. Our club has come a long way in a few years and continues to grow and flourish.

The fishing reports are a little different this month with a story about my Adventure to Alaska. There are also other reports which show off the difference of species available for those willing to make the journey out to the deep. Inshore flounder are slowly migrating out of the bay towards the near shore wrecks. There are still plenty to be caught from cobia, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, flounder, sheepshead, red drum, spot, croaker, etc. Get out and enjoy what nature has provided.

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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## NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB - OYSTER ROAST/FISH FRY

The NAC OYSTER ROAST/FISH FRY will be held the weekend of 04/05 October at John and Nancy Brown's home in Virginia Beach. We will determine a firm date and start time at our September meeting. The Club will provide for all the oysters, fish (Alaskan Halibut), and beverages. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert and the fixin's will be complete! Of course, we need to get a head count of those who plan to attend. So, please email your RSVP to [nactreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nactreasurer@gmail.com) no later than 28 September. We will also have a sign-up sheet at our September meeting. Oysters, a fish fry, fall weather and friends...just seem to go together. Look forward to seeing everyone.

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## What's Catchin

**Inshore** – Flounder, Spanish Mackerel, Tautog, Sheepshead, Bluefish, Speckled Trout, Red Drum, Black 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

**Fishin Fool's – Alaskan Dream Adventure**  
*Report By: Lucian Montagna*

Actually it should read "THE NICEST THING ANYONE HAS EVER DONE FOR ME"

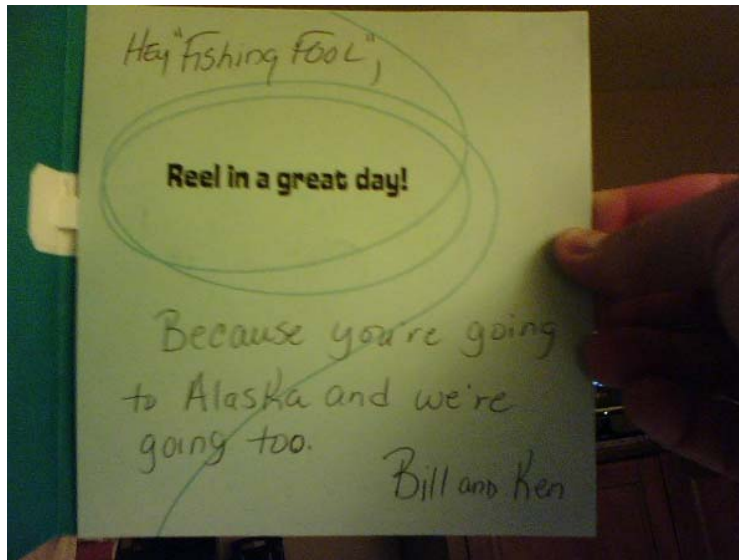
This is a fairly long winded story and I will summarize as much as possible, but I need to tell it.

I have known my friend Bill of San Antonio, Texas for many years now. I had invited him over the years to come to Virginia and fish with me. 7+ years back he took me up on my offer and brought along a few friends coming back each year always bringing his good friend Ken. We all fished together catching whatever the winds would allow us to; stripers, flounder, sea bass, etc.

In December 2006, I had casually mentioned I had never been to Alaska and hoped to someday go there and catch a halibut.

In November 2007, my wife Sandy and I were in San Antonio on a conference visiting Bill, Ken and their wives having dinner, when the waiter suddenly put a card on the table with a bow on it, my wife and I were wondering what the heck is that.

I opened the card and it read "Hey Fishin Fool, Reel in a Great Day! Because you're going to Alaska and we're going too! Bill & Ken"



**WOW, what could I say??? I was STUNNED!!!** I didn't want them to do this, but how do you turn that down, I didn't want to insult them and at the same time I was excited they thought enough of me to give me such a great gift. **This is the NICEST THING ANYONE HAS EVER DONE FOR ME!!!**

On Saturday, August 23rd, I flew to Houston; we met up and flew to Homer, Alaska for the Fishing Adventure of a Lifetime.

We fished with **"Captain B's Alaskan C's Adventure"**

**Captain Bryan Bondioli**

Mate: **Joe**

Boat: **Ashtikan** - 44' Jersey

[www.fishinghomer.alaska.com](http://www.fishinghomer.alaska.com) Email: [ashtikan@ptialaska.net](mailto:ashtikan@ptialaska.net)

(907)235-4114 Capt. Bryan's Mom (Donna), Schedules His Charters

**Primary Crew: Lucian aka "Fishin Fool", Bill & Ken**

**Day 1: Long Range Combo** – Rockfish, Halibut, Ling Cod - Additional crew were SeiJo age 70 (Crankin Fool) and his friend Sjin (SHIN).

We headed out with Captain Bryan, his mate Joe and some home made brownies made by the Captain's mom Donna, just to make my adventure more personal.

The tackle we used was just crazy to me, 2-3 lb jig heads with 20/0 hooks, a twister tail and tied to a leader of 500 lb white parachute cord. When I first saw the tackle I could not believe we were going to use it, what no fluorocarbon?

We headed to the honey hole where we proceeded to catch Ling Cod, Halibut, Rockfish, Yellow eyed Rockfish and a Tiger Rockfish. We fished like fools catching a limit on everything we targeted.

I had a blast and those fish really can fight; we cranked fish non stop. The captain was so elated with our fishing non stop until we had our limit; he called us "Fishin Fools"; Hmmm, where have I heard that name before?

#### **Final Talley Day 1:**

Ling Cod – Limit up to 60 lbs.

Halibut – Limit up to 50 lbs.

Black Rockfish – Limit

Yellow Eyed Rockfish – Limit

Tiger Rockfish - 1

**Day 2: Long Range Halibut** - Additional crew Mike and his wife Mini. Tackle again CRAZY, 20/0 circle hooks crimped to heavy steel cable on a 3 way with 24-48 oz of lead sinker. We started the morning off catching Pollock for bait at the docks and proceeded to the fishing grounds.

The bite started out a little slow, but not to worry, Capt. Bryan and Joe had a few tricks to entice the bite and soon we were hooking up to VERY NICE HALIBUT a couple over 50 lbs., soon after we had our limit.

Capt. Bryan went out farther than anyone else in the fleet to ensure we had a chance at catching a BIG HALIBUT. Mike hooked into a BIG BOY, but it ran under the boat and broke off, it happens.

#### **Final Talley Day 2:**

Halibut – Limit some over 50 lbs.

**Day 3: Long Range Combo** – Rockfish, Halibut, Ling Cod – Additional crew, Jose & Steve.

We were limited on time due to a flight out that evening, but that didn't stop Capt. Bryan from taking us all the way back out, even farther than the previous days. We arrived at the destination looking for BUBBA.

I had brought along a Butterfly Jig I found in a tackle shop the night before and tied it on with of course Parachute Cord.

I dropped the jig and immediately hooked up, rockfish on. Second drop another rockfish. Third drop a 50+ lb. Ling Cod!!! Now that's what I wanted to catch.

A little while later I hooked BUBBA on the jig and he started taking drag but it wasn't meant to be as the hook pulled ARGHH (stuff happens); no worries, I put it back down but later hooked a rock and the bottom claimed my only jig.

We fished non stop, limiting out on Cod up to 60+ lbs., one short of a Halibut limit and lots of Rockfish, a limit of Yellow eyed Rockfish and a China Rockfish.

It was getting late and we had a plane to catch so we headed for the dock to get our catch packaged and shipped.

#### **Final TalleyDay 3:**

Ling Cod – Limit up to 60+ lbs.

Halibut – 1 Short of a Limit up to 50+ lbs.

Black Rockfish

Yellow Eyed Rockfish – Limit

Tiger Rockfish

**What an INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE!** I saw so many types of Whales (Grey, Beluga, Humpback, Orca, Etc.), Sea Lions, Otters, Eagles and more. The mountains were both green and covered with snow with a glacier. The water was clear and absolutely beautiful. If you ever get the chance GO TO ALASKA and enjoy one of the most incredible places on earth.

**Bill & Ken, MY FRIENDS, I OWE YOU!!!** It was absolutely the MOST INCREDIBLE GIFT ANYONE could ever Wish For!!! **THANK YOU!!!**

**Capt. Bryan, Joe and of course Donna,** WHAT AN AWESOME TIME you showed us on the WATER!!! You are 1st CLASS and I can't wait to return and fish with you again.

**Thanks Again For The Great Adventure!**











## **Extra Deep Drop Fun** *Report By: Lucian Montagna*

**Boat: Fishin Fool**  
31' Contender FA

**Capt.: Lucian Montagna (Fishin Fool)**  
**Crew: Mike (Kapoc), Charlie (Lucky Duck2), Bob, Matt**

We left the dock at 6 am, heading to the Far East. We tried a couple of locations before we finally found a little pullage catching Sea Bass, Blueline Tiles, Black Bellied Rosefish, etc. The current was moving along at a pretty stiff pace and trying to hold bottom was a challenge.

We stuck it out and managed some pullage with Charlie and Bob butterfly jigging up some nice fish. We moved around from here to there, looking for marks and caught a lot of species.

I found a mark and we pulled out a limit of Wreckfish, nothing huge but decent fish. We also bailed a few mahi on the balls, watching Charlie and Bob hooking up on butterfly jigs was a blast.

As the day wore on and we were getting close to the end, the current slowed a bit and I decided to look around for Golden Tiles. Mike dropped and hooked up a very nice fish, it took a while, but with

steady pressure the fish slowly came from the abyss making it's way to the boat. It was indeed a Golden Tile weighing in at 50 lbs.

It was getting late, so we packed it up and headed to the barn.

Another Great Day on the water with an even Greater Crew!!

**Final Talley (Lots of Species):**

1 Golden Tilefish - 50 lbs.

5 Wreck Fish

Mahi

Sea Bass

Blueline Tilefish

Black Bellied Rosefish

Tinker Mackerel

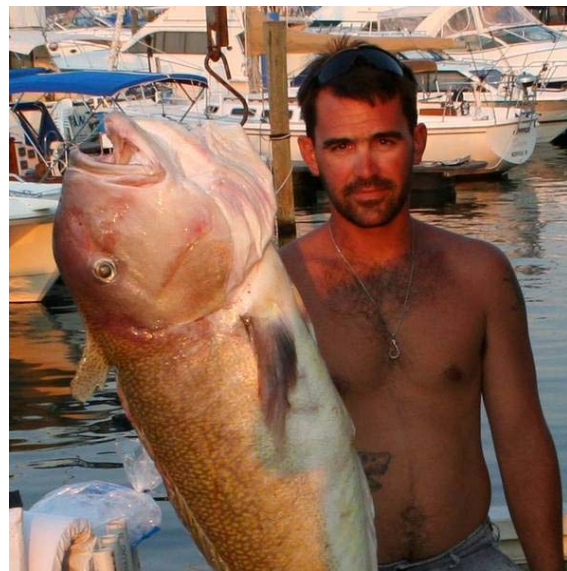
Bluefish

Colorful Fish Similar to Rosefish

Bluerunners

Red Hake

I'm sure I missed something





## **Grouper on the Jig**

***Report By: Jay Parsons Submitted by Charlie***

Here are the pics from today. Bob's holding the 41 lb snowy grouper. Pretty fish!

I'm holding a wreck fish which seems to be a type of grouper, and was probably, 15 lb or so. I also caught a huge eel that was probably 4' long and looked a bit like a moray (but wasn't one).



## **Second Annual Puppy Drum Tournament**

***Report By: John Brown***

The second annual Puppy Drum tournament was held 15/16 August 2008. It was a fun tournament hosted/coordinated again this year by TidalFish angler AL B, Myself and NAC member Scott Payne teamed up to participate and, as Puppy Drum fishing rookies, tested our skills against some elite PD fishermen, and tested we were. Not knowing the Lynnhaven River (where most of

the twelve teams fished) as well as most of the other participants, we restricted our fishing to areas close to the Lesner Bridge where bottom type and water depths were more familiar to us. As some of you know, many backwater parts of the Lynnhaven gets real skinny, real fast with a black, oozy, high "yuck factor" mud bottom. Though seemingly a small body of water, it can take years to learn the Lynnhaven and where the PD hold. Our team had no such experience. The tournament started Friday evening with lines in the water at 7:30 PM...plan A. Of course, there were ugly thunderstorms and heavy rain that evening to start the tournament so I opted for plan B and postponed our launch until the next morning (so, call me a fair weather fisherman). Anyway, we were on the water early Saturday morning with fresh dead mullet and plenty of small Menhaden livies as well as some artificial hardware to throw. Anxious to "get on them" we were full of enthusiasm as we headed to our first fishing hole. Once there, we were met with hungry "everything's" except our targeted species. Dead bait, live Menhaden and Gulps all met a quick demise as crabs, croaker, blues and smaller fishes devoured all we threw...if not immediately, certainly within two minutes max! That was pretty much the standard for the rest of the day. Imagine having to reel in and replace baits in the heat of the day every two minutes...it becomes a long, hot, trying day indeed. However, persistence finally paid off as we returned to our initial fishing spot (after trying several others) mid-afternoon. Fishing off the end of a dock, Scott's rod bends over and line starts screaming off his reel. Certain it was a PD, he battles it for a few seconds before, yep, it gets wrapped around a dock piling. #@\$&%!!! Having fished all day without a PD strike, we were not about to lose this fish. So, as Scott smartly eases off the tension on the fish, I prepare to pull anchor and go to the piling in attempt to unwrap this guy. But, before the anchor was up, we get our first real break of the day...the fish makes a mistake and swims free of the piling on its own! From there, Scott makes quick work of the 21" keeper PD. For the next 30 minutes, we continue to hooking up Puppies at the same dock, catching some, losing some to pilings and releasing undersize fish. But, just as quickly as it started, it ended. We finished the day with only 3 keepers, all 21-22", well under the maximum size limit of 26". Still, we had keeper fish to weigh. Well, it did not take us long at weigh-ins to realize we were **not** going to be in the money for heaviest fish. The seasoned Puppy anglers had had a field day with their catches, some having caught in excess of 40! fish during the day. And, some had only fished half a day! Bummer! Many of their fish were over the 26" slot and had to be thrown back but, they also some nice 25" and 26" heavies to weigh. Our tournament "saving grace" ended up being that first, cute little 21", piling wrapped Puppy reeled by Scott. He was not a big fish, but he sported more spots than the 2 PD normally have...a lot more...22 spots! That was 15 more spots than the next closest fish in the "Most Spots" Calcutta. So, team JB/SP "pulled one out of the hat" in our rookie debut among the Puppy Drum masters. We were humbled by their stringers of fish, but content to know that sometimes a little luck can equal being real good. Sorry there are no pictures of the 22 spotted winner. Unfortunately, he relinquished his spots to a filet knife before he could be photographed.

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

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## The "Gourmet Angler"

### Clams Italiano

*Recipe By: Lucian*

#### Ingredients

1/2 cup butter  
5 cloves garlic - minced  
2 cups dry white wine  
1 tablespoon dried oregano  
1 tablespoon dried parsley  
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper  
36 small clams

Melt Butter in a large skillet over medium heat.  
Cook Garlic in butter briefly.  
Stir in wine.

Season with oregano, parsley and red pepper flakes.

Place Clams in wine mixture and cover.

Steam until all clams have opened.

Discard any clams that did not open.

Serve in Soup Bowls and ladle broth over liberally.

Excellent served with Crusty French Bread!

*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



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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.cavirginia.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+%28%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.viriniabeachgasprices.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.

Also, John DiLaura fell down his stairs breaking both wrists; he too is in need of prayers for a speedy recovery.

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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