



# WIRELINE

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## **Coming Events**

**Next Meeting: Mon., February 9th, 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: None – This will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AWARDS Banquet Dinner Meeting, Please RSVP to DOUG JOHNSON, See Banquet Information BELOW**

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# A Message from the Editor

Norfolk, VA – 2009 is here and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Dinner Banquet is at our February Meeting. I have enclosed all the information you will need below. Be sure to RSVP so we can have an accurate head count.

It's also time to renew your membership, please bring your checks if possible to the meeting, see John Brown, save the club and yourself postage. Your renewal will be greatly appreciated and help the club continue to grow and prosper.

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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## NAC 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

**Hello Everyone**, it's that time of year, time to Recognize our Anglers for their impressive catches in 2008 at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual awards banquet. We hope to see as many members (and their guests) as possible attend.

As most of you know, we have made a few changes to our awards program. For instance, this is the first year that we will recognize overall "Angler's of the Year" and "Exceptional Catch" awards in addition to Prize Fish awards in a variety of fish species. Coupled with the door prizes to be given away, it promises to be a festive event. If you did not see "JB's" email concerning the banquet, it is attached below with all the details.

**Note the February 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline to RSVP.** Hope to see ALL of YOU THERE.

### **Club Members,**

Hope this finds you all well in 2009. With 2008 behind us, the club still has one important piece of last year's business to conduct, our NAC 2008 Awards Banquet! The banquet will be held Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 starting 7 PM at Martins Restaurant. In addition to the good fellowship we always enjoy at our meetings, we will dine together and recognize the club's 2008 Prize Fish Award winners in numerous fish categories, there will also be door prizes. It should be a Festive Event, there are some impressive catches by NAC members to be recognized, so we hope that you all will attend.

Of course, we will need a head count of those that plan to attend and what main course dish each person desires so that Martins can plan for their food needs. Here are the 3 banquet menu choices:

1. RIBEYE STEAK w/BAKED POTATO & HOUSE SALAD
2. CHICKEN PARMESAN w/GARLIC BREAD & HOUSE SALAD
3. SPAGHETTI and MEAT SAUCE w/GARLIC BREAD & HOUSE SALAD

All meals will come with choice of a non-alcoholic beverage

Costs per person to attend: Club member adults: \$15, children \$5. Non-club adult members (guests): \$22, children \$7.

As previously mentioned, we will need a count of those attending and their meal choices. Prize Fish Committee member Doug Johnson has volunteered to track "who wants what". He can be contacted by email at [LOKIJ@aol.com](mailto:LOKIJ@aol.com) or by phone (H) 340-3812, (c) 630-0846. Please include the names of those attending and their meal choice. Doug will also be accepting payment for the

banquet. Cash or checks made to Norfolk Anglers Club will be accepted. We ask that everyone please pay in advance if possible. Doug will be taking menu choices and accepting payment at our club meeting this Monday, 12 January. If you have not decided your menu choices by Monday, no worries, Doug can accept your input through Monday, 02 February.

Again, we hope to see all of you at the 2008 NAC Awards Banquet.

*Bests,  
JB*

**PS If you would like to donate a door prize to be given at the banquet, please see me! Many thanks.**

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## Public Access Corner

### By Virginia Coastal Access Now (VCAN)

**Happy New Year 2009!** VCAN started of the new public access year by providing public comments to the Army Core of Engineers opposing the pending Indigo Dunes permit application. Indigo Dunes is a proposed high density development at Pleasure House Point in Virginia Beach, VA (near the Crab Creek boat launch). The development has and, if built, will further restrict the public's historical access to Pleasure House Creek.

Our non-profit supported the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Rally for Clean Water held on the Capital steps in Richmond on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> wherein Governor Kaine articulated has continued commitment to funding for on-going initiatives to protect the Bay and its watershed.

Thanks for your continued support for public access to and the protection of Virginia's Coast!

Mark Feltner, President  
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## What's Catchin

**Inshore** – Striped Bass, Tautog, Bluefish, Puppy Drum, Sea Bass and more.

**Offshore Va.** – Swordfish, Bluefish, Bluefin Tuna, and more.

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

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

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## Recent Catches

### Striper Observations

**Report By: Louis Glaser – Hooked Up**

**Good News** - Rock fishing in the first two weeks of January has been excellent with water temperature between 42 - 44 degrees.

**Bad News** - Water temperature in the middle of January has been dropping and fewer fish being caught.

**The Ugly** – Almost No fish with water temperature at 38 degrees.  
Good fishing to all and let's hope the water temperature rises.

## Stripers

**Report By : Mike Avery**

I Fished this afternoon with Dr. Ike, Kyle, and Wes. We were Oceanside of Fisherman's island with eels. We had 4 runs in the first hour, boating 3 fish. Kyle gets a 47 lb, Ike gets a 43 lb, and Wes gets one at 25 lbs., another big fish pulled the hook. Then nothing but an occasional dogfish after that. Tried staying past sunset for a while but nothing. We couldn't come back to the HR because we decided to keep them.

Pretty good few hours of fishing and nice way to start off 2009 with 2 weight citations for Kyle and Ike.

That's Ike behind the mask...it was cold....with his 43 lb striper.



**Fished again Friday night** at the High Rise with Fletcher, his wife Verna and Carl. Verna had never caught a striper before so I wanted to make sure her first striper was a big one.

Here is a short video of our evening. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWP2ZiKQFFg>

Verna's 1st fish, a fat 42", then she pulled up a nice 51" striper. Fletcher with a nice 46".



Carl with a 44"



We cranked in about 15 fish on the outgoing current, most fish over 40 inches. All clean releases. Release citations for Verna, Fletcher, and Carl. Near full moon, so bright it seemed like daylight out there. Congrats to Verna on her first ever striper and for getting a nice 51 inch release citation.

## **Tiles, Wreckfish & Seabass** **Report By : Mike Avery**

With a perfect forecast we decided to run to the tile grounds for a meat run.  
Crew: Wade, Cheryl, Jordan, and Brian.

We left at 6:30 am, slick calm seas in the bay and all the way offshore. Stopped by the Ocean Venture for about 45 minutes for some sea bass, most where undersized but a dozen made to the box.

Shoved out a bit further to the tile grounds to find a spot that was dog free and it was game on, nice sized tiles. We caught our limit of 35 tiles in short order with 8 weight citations. Wade was on fire with the big ones today. Fished with squid, tinker mackerel, and fat alberts, all caught fish equally.

Made a move over the canyon walls and quickly caught our limit of wreckfish and yes, even some dogs at 600 feet on the canyon walls.

Beautiful day on the water, slick calm seas and sunny skies and a full fish box. We weighed in 8 citation blueline tile fish.





## **Cold Water Stripers Fishin Fool Style**

**Report By : Lucian Montagna**

**Boat - Fishin Fool**

**Crew: Lucian (Fishin Fool), Louis (Hooked Up), Bob, Dave**

We left the dock a little late today 10 am in hopes of the sun warming things up a little. As we ran to Cape Henry the spray was freezing to the sides and rails of the boat as well as to the rods and fishing line. It was **COOLLDDD TODAY!**

Upon arrival Louis took the helm so I could get a well deserved chance to run the pit and hopefully crank on a few fish for a change. I let the 1st rod out and as it was going down a nice little striper hit the bait. Fish On, since I already had the rod in hand I cranked it to the boat and #1 40" est. was in the box.

We put the rest of the spread out and a little while later Fish #2 comes along side and is placed in the box. Then fish #3, repeat in the box. Things are looking up.

We hit the mid day doldrems, slow & cold. We had a pig hit the starboard rod, but the drag was too tight and it broke the power pro. I take the blame on that one, I should have checked the drag after Dave boated his last fish. I re-rigged, line back in and another fish on, same rod and Bob cranked the fish to the boat, I grabbed the leader and it **BROKE** at the knot, I don't know why, I had little pressure on the line and it was 80 lb leader. I tied another bait on and a little while later we boated fish #4.

I get another fish on, get it to the boat, Bob leaders and Someone other than me **MISSED** it with the net, she swam away. Hmmm, I'm getting tired of missed opportunities. I think I need a little more pit time, I must be getting **SOFT**.

Line back in and fish #5, fish #6 and then at the end two on at once and fish #7 & #8 come to the boat, we managed a limit.

It wasn't a perfect day, we missed way too many fish, we still managed our limit and I **GOT TO CRANK** for a **CHANGE!!!**

A Special Thanks to Louis for taking the helm today and allowing me the opportunity to run a spread, crank some fish and have some **FUN!**

Also, **CREW** it wasn't a perfect day, sliding on ice, losing a few fish, but we still had a **GREAT TIME**, **SCRATCHED** out a **LIMIT** and I had a **Ball** in the pit.

Final Talley: 8 fish Limit - No **PIGS**, but decent fish. All caught in 40'-50' of water off Cape Henry.

**Dave with a little Striper**





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

## RIGGING CORNER

A friend of mine sent me this article on Creating Stinger Hooks for Butterfly Jigs.  
Source: <http://www.lyndenhuggins.com/fishing/howto/stingerhook/stingerhook.htm>

### How To Create a Stinger Hook Rig

Short strikes occur all the time, by adding a stinger hook to your lures you will eliminate the short strikes and help to put more fish in the boat. Stinger hooks are created by attaching a short section of Dacron, Kevlar or Spectra braided material to a hook which creates a loop that is a lure. Stinger hooks can be added to almost all. By adding a stinger hook to the eye of the jig you can catch more of those short strike bites. J style hooks are traditionally used for stinger hooks but most hooks can be used if matched to the lure they are to be used on. Below is how I create a stinger hook rig, I used an 8/0 hook for illustration but the steps are the same for all sizes of hooks.

**Step 1:** Begin by assembling the equipment needed. To create this stinger hook rig we are using: Eagle Claw L1182 hooks in 8/0, 500-pound Spectra and Kevlar braided material (from Western Filament), Solid rings, 335-pound Wolverine Triple ring split rings, Donnmar cutting pliers, Big iron jigs, Super Glue, Heat shrink tubing and 30 inches of 7Strand #4 single strand wire folder to create a wire loop



**Step 2:** Cut a 12 strand of the Spectra or Kevlar braided material (I am using the Kevlar material because it is yellow and shows up better in the photos) and fold in half. This will create a two to four inch loop depending on how you tie it to the hook. Vary the length of the braided material to get the correct length of looped material for your lure. I personally like the stinger hook to be no longer than 1/3 of the total length of the lure that I am adding the stinger hook to.

**Step 3:** While holding the ends of the braided material together create a standard Overhand knot.





**Step 5:** Pull the ends of the braid material until the knot loops roll over but do not cinch it down tight, allowing the knot to stay open.



**Step 7:** Use pliers to tighten the Double Overhand knot onto the hook shank and slide the knot up against the hook eye.



**Step 9:** Add a liberal amount of Crazy Glue (Follow all safety instructions provided by the manufacturer and ensure that you are in a well ventilated area) to the Double Overhand knot this will seal it and lock it in place. Allow the Crazy Glue to dry thoroughly.



**Step 11:** To attach the stinger rig to the front eye of a lure, insert the loop through the eye of the lure.



**Step 4:** Bring the loop through the circle again, this begins to create a Double Overhand knot.



**Step 6:** Insert the eye of the hook into the open Double Overhand knot with the open loop facing away from the hook point.



**Step 8:** If the hook eye is large enough, insert the braided loop through the eye of the hook.



**Step 10:** Cut a section of heat shrink tubing that will cover the Double Overhand knot and at least that same length beyond the hook eye. Using a low heat source heat the heat shrink tubing until it no longer shrinks. \*\* Follow all safety instructions provided by the manufacturer and ensure that you are in a well ventilated area. \*\* Your stinger hook is now complete. You can add it to the front eye of a lure or store these out of the sun and attach as needed.



**Step 12:** Bring the hook through the braid material loop that you just inserted into the eye of the lure.

**Step 13:** Tighten the loop by pulling the hook as tight as possible. This will create a cow hitch around the lure eye. You can also add the stinger hook rig to hook shanks using the same method.



**Step 14:** Here is a big iron jig with a stinger hook attached. This is a large jig for large fish but the steps are the same no matter how big the lure is.

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## The "Gourmet Angler"

### Country-Style Ribs

*Recipe By: Darryl Schmitt*

**Prep Time:** 25 minutes

**Cook Time:** 7 to 8 hours

4 pounds pork country-style ribs, cut into serving pieces  
ground black pepper  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 can Campbell's condensed tomato soup  
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar  
2 tablespoons cider vinegar  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
2 teaspoons dry mustard

Sprinkle ribs with black pepper. Brown ribs in 2 batches in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Place ribs in 5 to 6 quart slow cooker and sprinkle with garlic. Mix soup, brown sugar, vinegar, worcestershire and mustard. Pour over ribs and toss to coat. Cover and cook on low 7 to 8 hours.

Ribs also can be cooked without the browning step. Use a spoon to remove fat from sauce before serving.

*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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## Prayers Needed

Kim Martin of Martin's Restaurant, recently passed after a courageous battle with cancer. Please keep her soul and her family in your prayers. Also, if you see Fred, offer him condolences.

Billy Rellos is recovering well and is now driving around and of course fishing, please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Tom Mitchell of East Beach Tackle recently passed away, prayers for his soul and his family.

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 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     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/>

**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>

**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)

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**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.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/ts217.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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