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Coming Events

Next Meeting: Mon., March 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: Capt. Darren Foster – Darren will talk on Fishing Deep Structure and using your Electronics. This is a must see presentation which will give a lot of insight on holding on and fishing alongside structure. He has already given this very presentation to some of the other clubs and received very high reviews.

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A Message from the Editor

Norfolk, VA – We just had our 2nd Annual Awards Banquet and as you will see from John Brown's report it was a great time with lots of awards for impressive catches. I want to Congratulate the WINNERS as well as the AWARDS COMMITTEE, headed up by John Brown who put it all together.

March is here and it's COLD and WARM, typical Va. weather. There are still fish to be had with some striper action inshore, freshwater action on crappie and yellow perch, deep dropping for tiles, sea bass, grouper and more has been OFF THE HOOK. It won't be long before the water start warming and the usual species start migrating back inshore.

It's 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. 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>

Public Access Corner By Virginia Coastal Access Now (VCAN)

VCAN's big news is our next opportunity to spread the Virginia public access message at the Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic! Our non-profit will have a table at this year's event for three consecutive weekends starting February 27th. As an extra added bonus our friends from Back Bay NWR and Atlantic Anglers.com will be with us.

So please come out to Bass Pro in Hampton and stop by to say hello to your favorite local public access non-profit. As always, my thanks for your continued support for public access to and the protection of Virginia's Coast!

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NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB 2008 AWARDS BANQUET

NAC held its **Second Annual Awards Banquet** Monday, Feb. 9th. Club members got together in good fellowship, told a few fish stories (lies) and made some noise, gave away door prizes and, most importantly, Recognized Club Anglers who had some mighty impressive catches during the 2008 fishing season.

As you can see from the pictures, we Recognized a couple of our Junior Anglers for their fine catch(es) with certificates, trophies and a new rod/reel combo to assist them with their 2009 angling adventures.

Adult Anglers were awarded certificates for individual catches and, for the first time, NAC Recognized Male & Female "Angler(s) of the Year" as well as an "Exceptional Catch" Angler. Congratulations Connie Dawley and Jeff Rhoads as our 2008 Anglers of the Year and to Mark Feltner, our Exceptional Catch Angler.

Many Thanks to those who generously donated door prizes, and, kudos to Martins Restaurant (and crew) for hosting our event.

Thanks Again to the Awards Committee, "JB", Doug, Tom and Bob for pulling this all together.

Looking forward to our 2009 fishing season, good luck everyone!

Catch'em Up!

John Brown

NAC Awards Director and Banquet Chairman

NAC JUNIOR ANGLERS OF THE YEAR

AUDREY FELTNER - SPOT



ADAM SCHMITT - SPOT, CROAKER & SHAD



NAC 2008 FEMALE ANGLER OF THE YEAR
CONNIE DAWLEY - RED DRUM 48" RELEASE
BLUEFISH 38" RELEASE



NAC 2008 MALE ANGLER OF THE YEAR
JEFF RHOADS - RED DRUM 53" RELEASE
BLUELINE TILEFISH 13 LBS 05 OZ



OTHER ANGLER AWARDS

NEAL TAYLOR - BLACK SEA BASS 5 Lbs 10 OZ



BILLY RELLOS - BLUEFISH 40" RELEASE



NAC PRESIDENT DARRYL SCHMITT GIVING BILLY RELLOS HIS AWARD



JOE LINKENHOKER - COBIA 74 LBS 12 OZ
Sorry I do not have the Photo

CHUCK KALHERT - STRIPED BASS 45 LBS 6 OZ



LUCIAN MONTAGNA - FLOUNDER 10 LBS 14 OZ



JAMES EISENHOWER - WHITE MARLIN 78" RELEASE



STEVE HARDING - SPECKLED TROUT 7 LBS 14 OZ



MARK FELTNER - EXCEPTIONAL CATCH
SANDBRIDGE SURF CAUGHT/RELEASE 50" RED DRUM



Banquet Photos





What's Catchin

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

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

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

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

Recent Catches

Striper

Report By: Mark Feltner

44" Rock boat ho'n off Cape Henry Jan. 09.



C-Time Deep Drop

Report By: Brian Hodson

I had to take a vacation day from work, but it was well worth it.

Cleared Little Creek Inlet about 0520 and had lines in at 0800 at the Norfolk Canyon. Nothing but dogs on the first new spot we tried, so we ran another five miles to our usual tile area on the north side. We had slow but steady picking of BLT, with some nice BSB in the mix and a few dogs to contend with.

We moved to another area about a mile north, but only dogs. Back down to the usual spot for a few more BLT, then tried a new spot for Goldens. No joy, so shifted to our nearby deeper spot. No drift but we were in the right place. One drop and all five of us hooked up - no grouper, but some nice wreckfish.

We crossed the canyon to a new spot that we had decided looked good on the chart. First drop yielded two Golden Tilefish - first ones on C-Time, tried for some more, but only dogs. Called it a day just after 1400 and pointed the bow west - made Little Creek Marina before 1700 for some weigh-ins, then over to Cove Marina for fuel and fish cleaning. Overall it was a beautiful day on the water.

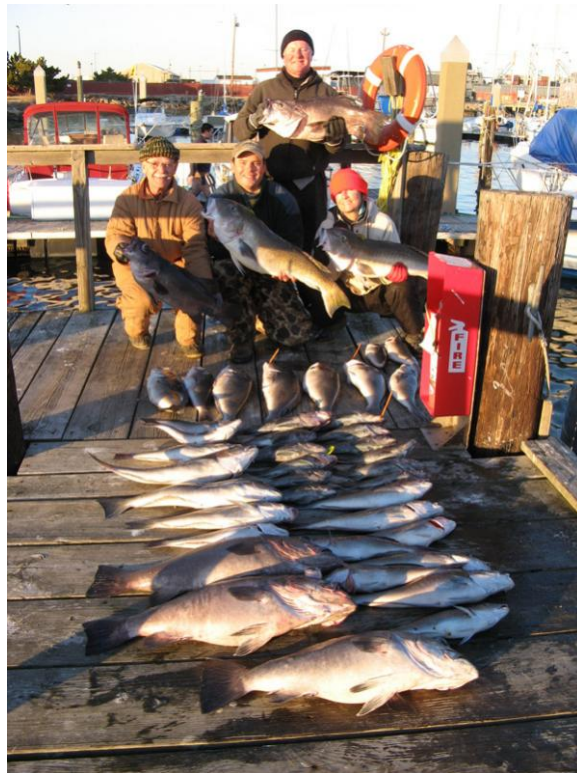
Tally for the day:

12 BSB

24 BLT

2 GT

5 Wreckfish



Fresh Water

Report By: John Brown

Here is a "fresh" taste of something different for all you saltwater fishing enthusiasts. The end of January, February and March usher in the spawn (and the bite) for Yellow Perch and Crappie in our area. Thus far, it has been a very productive fresh water season.

I have had the good fortune to fish with NAC member Steve Harding who has shown me the ropes regarding Yellow Perch fishing...a species I had not previously fished. We have targeted these small (but very tasty) fishes from the Alligator River in North Carolina to the Mattaponi River north of Richmond, Va. It has been a unique experience for me to travel to these rivers, learn a little about "new water" and target an unfamiliar fish species.

A lot of this type fishing is done in the outback in areas that often look more like the Louisiana bayou than some place in NC/VA. Cypress trees, black water, marsh, timber and not another boat in sight was the norm. Attached are a couple photos to give some perspective of the isolation. Not bad when comparing it to a Saturday or Sunday elbowing your way among the Striper fleet at Cape Henry.

The Crappie fishing has been equally good, though the Yellow Perch locations certainly hold Crappie, my best action has come from the lake on which I live. This small lake is known to hold lots of BIG Crappie...and so it does. Shown in the pictures are numerous Crappie 13-15 inches caught 25 February. The two Steve are holding were each just $\frac{1}{4}$ oz shy of the 2 lbs required for Virginia citations. Lake temp was a cool 42-43 degrees all day but the big Crappie were cooperative. We had to move around plenty as the fish were not schooling, but we found willing fish in the middle of the lake and took a few nice ones for the supper table. The best is yet to come as air and water temps rise in March.



2 of 3 citation Crappie shown, 2 @ 2 lbs 2 oz, 1 @ 2 lbs 3 oz.



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

The "Gourmet Angler"

Sicilian Fisherman's Stew

Recipe By: Epicurious

Ingredients

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 cup chopped red onion
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1 cup finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
2 medium ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and finely chopped, with their juices
1/2 cup dry white wine
2 pounds mixed fresh fish fillets such as snapper, cod, sea bass, swordfish, tile fish, and halibut, cut into large pieces
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preparation

Heat the olive oil in a wide, heavy pot over medium heat, add the onions and garlic, and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, about 5 minutes.
Add the parsley and tomatoes. Raise the heat and bring to a simmer. Add 1 cup water and the wine.
Cook, partially covered, for 10 minutes.
Add the fish, cover, and simmer for 12 to 15 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve.

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

Picture of the Month



Blobfish

Prayers Needed

Billy Rellos is still recovering, please continue to keep him in your 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 and I will add them to the list.

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.

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.

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

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

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.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>

IGFA - <http://www.igfa.org/>

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If anyone wants, or knows of anyone to help support the NAC and have their name or business name listed above, please contact Lucian Montagna at lmontagnaj@aol.com or one of the club's officers listed above.
