



# WIRELINE

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## Norfolk Anglers Club

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### Coming Events

**Next Meeting: Mon., October 12th, 7 pm**, All Meetings are Open to the Public, you do not have to be a member to come.

**LOOK → October Meeting Location: Princess Anne Distributing (Tackle SALE)** – This meeting will be at **Princess Anne Distributing**. Anthony has graciously allowed us to use his space and will be **offering Discounts on fishing tackle** at the end of the meeting.

**ADDRESS:** 700 21<sup>st</sup> St., Virginia Beach, (End of I-264 on the corner of 21<sup>st</sup> & Cypress).

**(Our November Meeting will be back at Martin's Restaurant.)**

**Guest Speaker: Captain Max King – Fall Stripers**



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# A Message from the Editor

Norfolk, VA – We recently had our FALL CRAB, OYSTER & BBQ FEAST and it was definitely a GREAT TIME. I want to THANK EVERYONE who came out, and especially those who contributed, making this one of the BEST NAC MEMBERS EVENT YET. The weather was PERFECT, the food was SPECTACULAR and the Company was AWESOME! I can't wait until our next get together.

Fall is finally here and the fish have definitely started their migration.

Inshore: Yellow Bellied Spot are showing in impressive numbers, Flounder are all along the near shore structures and bluefish are pushing bait all along the lower bay.

Creeks and Rivers: Speckled trout and puppy drum are star attractions with some very nice fish being caught.

Nearshore: Wrecks are holding Amberjack and Jack Crevalle, as well as the other usual species.

Offshore: The white marlin bite has been nothing short of SPECTACULAR, boats are coming in flying anywhere from 10-50 flags on fishable days. This bite will end shortly so if you ever wanted to go catch a White Marlin, now is the time. Yellowfin tuna should start showing in numbers and BIG WAHOO can be found pushing bait near some offshore wrecks and edges. Get out and ENJOY some of the ABSOLUTE BEST FISHING of the year.

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** – Red Drum, Black Drum, Triggerfish, Cobia, Spanish Mackerel, Flounder, Tautog, Bluefish, Puppy Drum, Sea Bass and more.

**Offshore Va.** – Bluefish, Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Wahoo, Mahi, Marlin, Sailfish, King Mackerel, Amberjack, Jack Crevalle and more.

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

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

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## Recent Catches

### Catching Spot in our own back yard

**Report By: Ned**

On Tuesday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, John Brown (JB) and I went with Louis Glaser on the "Hooked Up" to do some Speck and "Ocean View Spot" fishing at the Little Creek inlet area. The morning was clear, tide was running and winds were out of the southeast. We caught a few short specks and blues but nothing to peak our interest. So while waiting for the tide to slow down for the speck bite we went out of the inlet two hundred yards and started catching big spot. Within less than 3 hours we had 90 good sized spot, a big roundhead, and a blowfish in the cooler. Little gas and great fun provided good eating tonight.

Of special note was the fact that we caught as many spot on night crawlers (\$2.75/dz) as we did on bloodworms (\$9.50/dz). So save some money on bait and take the kids out spot fishing.

### MMT Spot

**Report By: Bob Allen**

Spot have been caught near the M & M Tunnel fairly regularly the last two weeks. Just get near the M-M and look for the boats. We caught 75 there a week ago and 55 yesterday morning.



## NAC Fall Crab, Oyster & BBQ Report

Report By: John Brown

Folks, if you missed it, I really hate it for you. We had a great time, the weather was perfect, the food plenty and delicious, the company fantastic.

Many, many thanks to our host and hostess, Lucian and Sandy who opened their home, welcomed us all, donated the BBQ Turkey, Pork Butts, plus numerous side dishes. Also, thanks to the many, who either, helped prep, setup, serve, clean up and/or brought sides and desserts. It all came together to be one of the best, if not **the best** ever NAC social.

We could have used a few more Crab eaters but those attending and going home with plates piled high with leftover Crabs were not complaining.

Thanks again Lucian and Sandy.



## OFFSHORE ON THE TUNA FEVER.

Report By: John Brown

I recently fished out of Oregon Inlet on board the Tuna Fever with Captain Billy Maxwell. Billy found the fish and soon we had plenty of meat in the box. Yellow Fin, Black Fin and bailer Dolphin was in the mix. First time I had ever seen a "Tuna Stick" in action. The "Stick" dangles 5 squid baits from a single suspended line. We had the excitement of seeing 4 hooked YF Tuna come to the boat simultaneously. The angler who reeled them was whooped from cranking all 4 at the same time. Besides the Stick, we also had Tuna's crashing Ballyhoo and spreader bar baits. You never get enough of watching Tuna's boil the surface or sky out of the water to smash a surface bait...it is incredible. The resulting Tuna steaks are pretty incredible as well.



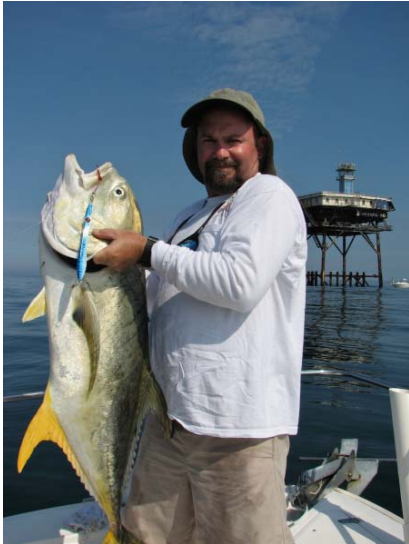
## Good Eating Sized Cobia

Pictures By: Erik Moore

Cobia Caught Sight Casting



**Jack Crevalle**  
**Pictures By: Lou Rajnys**



**Fishing on the "Driftwood"**  
**Report By: Dennis**

I got a call from Doug Johnson yesterday. He wanted to take his boat out for a little exercise and maybe wet a line.

Doug, Thanks for the boat ride! It was great to be out there yesterday!

Here's a few pictures of the hardcore crew in action.





## The Virginia Beach Sport Fishing Rundown

By Dr. Julie Ball, IGFA Representative, Virginia Beach

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### 26 September 2009

When the weather cooperates, anglers are experiencing a great introduction to the fall fishing season. The offshore billfish bite is on fire, while the inshore action is picking up, and should only get better.

The fall season's red drum procession is gaining momentum, as good catches continue to come from the lower Bay and coastal waters. Surf and pier anglers are camping out along the Virginia Beach shorelines with heavers and cut bait, anticipating the first run of big channel bass off Sandbridge. Boaters are getting in on great bull red action as these fish scavenge the breakers and white water along the Eastern shore barrier islands and inlets. Peeler crabs, bunker, and crabs are working well as these fish fatten up for their southward trip next month.

Although cobia are cruising out of the Bay, anglers still have a shot at intercepting their journey as the fish pause on buoys and form small pods along the ocean front on their way south. Sight casting jigs and live bait will do the trick.

The spot brigade is marching right along with tons of decent fish available all over the southern and western sections

of the lower Bay. Anglers are filling coolers with 12 to 14-ounce spot from the lower Bay Rivers, the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, off Sewell's Point, and within Rudee Inlet. Connie at Long **Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle** predicts that the big spot should move into Lynnhaven once the croaker move out.

Puppy drum are still a sure bet in the shallows and inlets using cut mullet or casting jigs. These juvenile red drum offer great action on light tackle. Speckled trout are beginning to make a showing in the Eastern Shore creeks, the Elizabeth River, and the Poquoson flats. Rudee Inlet action is improving with scattered fish, but most are on the smallish size right now. A few keeper specks are livening up inside Lynnhaven River, but the size should improve as the water continues to cool.

Horse croaker are still hanging on the Hampton Bar, the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, and the Monitor-Merrimack Memorial Bridge Tunnel, where shrimp is the favored bait. The lower Bay inlets are also holding some nice hardheads, where fish raging up to three-pounds were hooked near the Lesner Bridge this week. Jimmy Robinson of Virginia Beach tricked dozens of huge croaker while presenting shrimp within the Lynnhaven Basin recently. His largest fish stretched to 18-inches, and weighed three pounds, earning him a citation from the state.

Flounder are continuing to gather at the mouth of the Bay, where the fishing has bounced back a little since the water has cleared. This is the time of year drifters score well along deeper channels and along the CBBT. Several keepers came from the Thimble Shoals Channel and the Baltimore Channel on strip baits this week. Flat fish are also collecting on inshore and offshore wrecks, along with good sized seabass. The **Rudee Angler** out of Rudee Inlet skippered by Captain Mark Sterling, encountered flounder to almost nine pounds, along with triggerfish, seabass, and spadefish while fishing inshore wrecks recently. The Triangle Wrecks also gave up decent seabass and triggers this week.

Although time is running out, if you haven't hooked a nice sheepshead, they are still lingering along the structure of the Bridge Tunnel. Triggerfish and spadefish are also in these same areas. Tautog action is rekindling for the fall season. The folks at **Ocean's East 2** report that anglers are catching limits of keeper tog along the pilings of the CBBT on fiddlers and clams.

King mackerel are still a possibility trolling around the Chesapeake Light tower and down to False Cape. A few Spanish mackerel are still lingering in the same areas, and false albacore are available closer to shore and around the Tower.

Amberjack enthusiasts have a few more weeks to hook into a wreck donkey on offshore wrecks and at the South Tower. But reports from the South Tower indicate a slow up in the action recently. Deep droppers are showing more interest lately, with reports of decent bottom catches from the Canyon's edge trickling in. Weekly overnight trips planned on the Rudee Headboat fleet should result in catches of tile fish, grouper, and perhaps a hopeful swordfish.

The fall white marlin action is wide open right now. Billfish are providing off-the-chart numbers, with some boats returning to Virginia with over thirty billfish flags flying. Captain Steve Richardson took his crew aboard the Backlash out of **The Fishing Center** to a new record level with an amazing 42 billfish releases this week. A few decent yellowfin tuna are making bluewater anglers hopeful for a good fall showing, and gaffer dolphin are still plentiful. A few nice wahoo are around, and the trend should only improve into October. The swordfish scene could heat up as the waters cool.

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

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## The "Gourmet Angler"

### Oyster Stew



Serve with toasted homemade bread. Serve it quick and hot! Try adding a drop or two of hot sauce in your stew -- it's delicious!"

#### INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup butter  
1 cup minced celery

3 tablespoons minced shallots  
1 quart half-and-half cream  
2 (12 ounce) containers fresh shucked oysters, undrained  
salt and ground black pepper to taste  
1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat, and cook the celery and shallots until shallots are tender. Pour half-and-half into a large pot over medium-high heat. Mix in the butter, celery, and shallot mixture. Stir continuously. When the mixture is almost boiling, pour the oysters and their liquid into the pot. Season with salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper. Stir continuously until the oysters curl at the ends. When the oysters curl the stew is finished cooking; turn off the heat and serve.

### **Herbed Baked Oysters**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

24 fresh oysters.  
¾ cup of breadcrumbs.  
2 cloves garlic, chopped.  
1 teaspoon of Dijon mustard.  
1 teaspoon of olive oil.  
½ teaspoon of fresh thyme, chopped.  
½ teaspoon of fresh basil, chopped.  
¼ teaspoon of fresh marjoram, chopped.  
Zest of one lemon.  
2 tablespoons of grated Parmesan cheese.

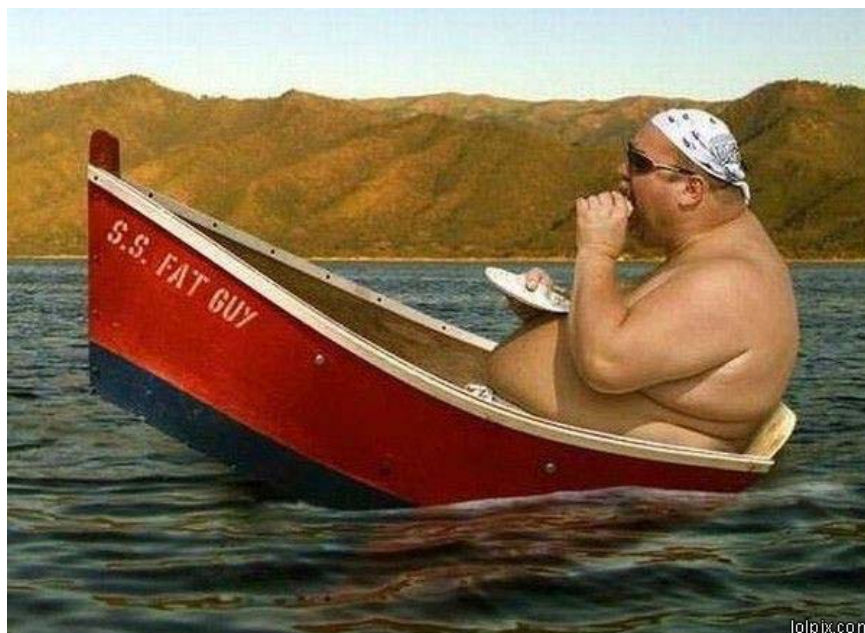
#### **DIRECTIONS**

Shuck the oysters and set aside on the half shell. Discard the remaining shells. In a bowl, mix the breadcrumbs, garlic, mustard, olive oil, thyme, basil, marjoram, lemon zest and Parmesan. Top each oyster with about 1 teaspoon of the breadcrumb mixture and place the oysters on a baking sheet. Cook under high broiler (grill) for about 6 minutes or until the oysters are crispy and golden brown. Serve the hot, with a wedge of lemon and your favorite hot pepper sauce on the side.

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

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## **Picture of the Month**



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## NAC APPAREL

The new NAC short sleeve T's are now available. The quality T's come in two colors and offer two different designs on the back. Each has the NAC logo on the front pocket.

We have sizes ranging from Medium to 3X. First come, first serve so be sure to get your T's now while we have abundant stock. Cost is \$15 for all sizes. See "jb" at the next club meeting to get yours.



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## Prayers Needed

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

Prayers for the Sanity family.

Special intention for a 30 year old with cancer, he is undergoing chemo and can use the prayers.

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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)

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

VBSF - <http://vbsf.net/>

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

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

Bloodydecks.com - <http://www.bloodydecks.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.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/ts217.pdf>

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

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

Fishing Homer Alaska - <http://www.fishinghomer.alaska.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>

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