



WIRELINE

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Coming Events

Next Meeting: Mon., September 11th, 7 pm

Location: Martins Restaurant, 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 Speaker: Rick Burnley – Surf Fishing

Tournament: We are fishing the CCA Club Challenge on Sept. 9th, there is still room for 1-2 more boats, any NAC Members interested in fishing the tournament please call Daryl Schmitt 620-4339 right away.

NAC Officers

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A Message from the Editor

Norfolk, VA – Another great month of fishing both inshore and off, catches of white marlin, mahi, wahoo, flounder, sheep, a few cobias amongst many species now available.

We are currently getting ready to fish the CCA Club Challenge on Sept. 9th, hopefully we will have a strong showing again this year and let's hope the seas are fair, last year it was just plain ROUGH.

I have asked a couple of members to write articles for the NAC Wireline and Brian Hodson has committed to write the first article on Collision Mats below. Thanks Brian.

Collision Mat

Have you read about some recent incidents of offshore fishing vessels sinking, or almost sinking, due to flooding from a breeched hull? Do you worry about hitting some submerged object and encountering flooding on your vessel? There always seem to be posts on Tidalfish and other sites about "all that debris out there".

So, what would you do if you hit something while running on plane, and suddenly there is a 12" x 12" hole half-way between the keel and the chine on the port side, one third of the way back from the bow? Oh, it's located under some built-in galley furniture, so you can't get to it from inside to put anything over the hole. Sure, your two installed bilge pumps are running, but they can't remove water as fast as its coming in through the hole, and sinking seems to be the likely result - soon!

How about using a collision mat on the outside of the boat? It's a square or rectangular piece of heavy fabric (e.g. canvas, dacron, etc), with rolled, reinforced edges and heavy grommets in the four corners. Lines are fixed to each grommet, long enough to reach under the vessel from gunwale to gunwale. Mat size may be 2'x3', up to 4'x4'.

To use it, two (or better four) people head forward with the mat and each has a line. Drop the mat in front of the stem, then use the lines to pull it aft, and from side to side as needed. The goal is to get the mat over the hole, busted fitting, etc. It is held in place by the lines, and the water pressure pushing the fabric against the hull, and the hole. It will reduce water coming in to the vessel very significantly, and will likely allow onboard dewatering to get ahead of the problem, and then dewater the vessel.

An important point if you do put a collision mat on your vessel is to practice using it. Just head away from the dock, stop somewhere out of the way, and try to rig the darn thing. Use the scenario I described above, and get the crew to rig the mat, see where you can tie the lines, move it to another location on the hull.

Here are some references for more reading:

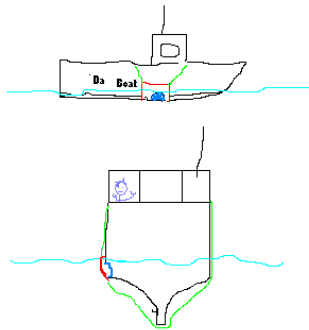
<http://www.alpharubicon.com/bovstuff/damagecontroledi.htm>

<http://www.foreandftmarine.com/PL-MAT.htm>

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Licensed Merchant Master



What's Catchin

Inshore – Flounder, Red Drum, Black Drum, Spot, Croaker, Spadefish, Sheepshead, Cobia, Spanish Mackerel, King Mackerel, Bluefish and more.

Offshore – Yellowfin Tuna, Big Eye Tuna, Mahi, Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Sailfish, King Mackerel, Bluefish and more.

Deep Dropping Offshore – Sea Bass, Tilefish, Togs, Grouper and more.

Recent Catches

Dr. Ike's Report:

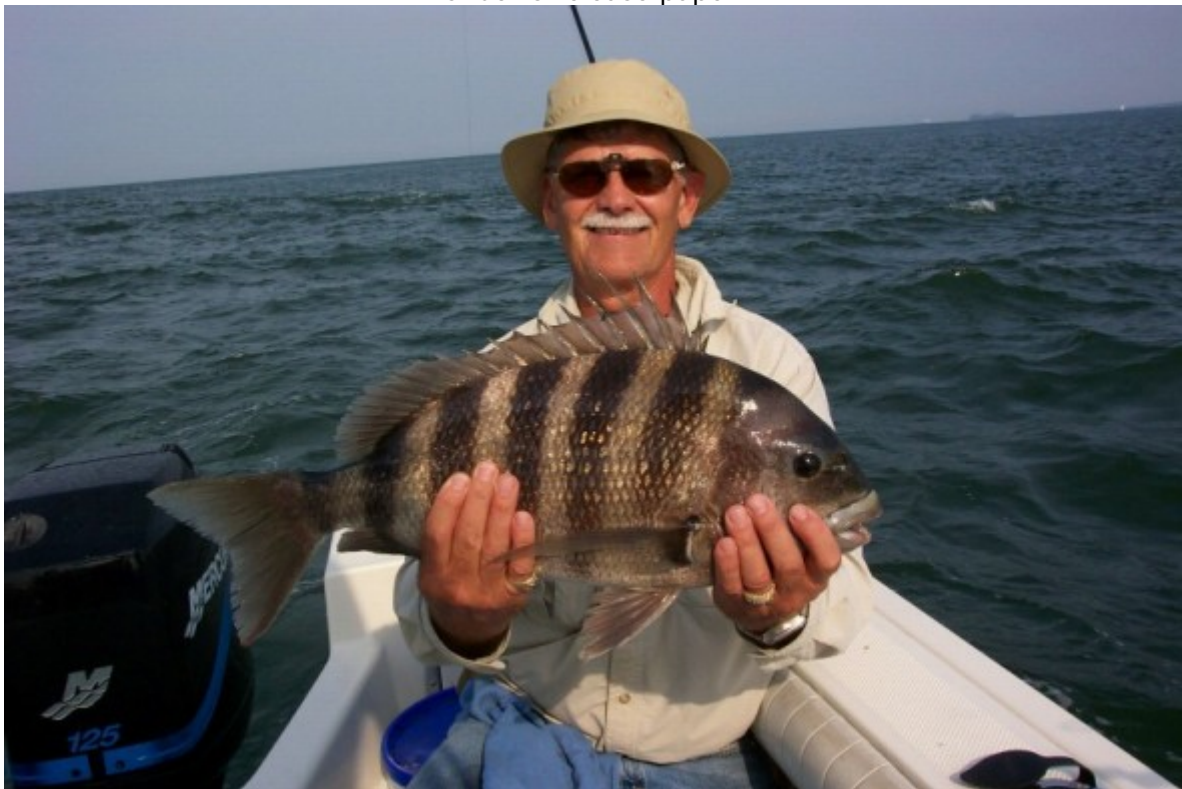
Went out for the afternoon tide change after seeing the forecast didn't look promising. Chuck and Bill Walters on board with 7 dozen fiddlers. The incoming was very slow and when the change over occurred we also had a SE wind. Chuck had the first sheep and it was a 25" release, then Bill got one about 22". That was the wildest catch I've ever seen, as he was reeling it in his reel came out of the reel seat. So I had him hold the fish with the line as I put the reel back on the rod and he managed to get it to the net.

I picked up two 15" togs but no sheep. Finally, Chuck gets another sheep about 22" then a 25 1/2", 10lb 6oz weight citation to boot. It was great getting into the sheep until we ran out of fiddlers, before I could get one.

Chuck's Paper Sheep



Chuck's release paper.



Chuck's Report:

On Monday, August 7th, Skipper Fred DeMella of Great Bridge and Chuck Kahlert of Norfolk went out on the Boat "Little Floater", using cut Flounder strips I caught this 26", 6.5 lb. Flounder drifting the Cape Henry area.



Wreck Fishing Pics

Back up Plan By: Lou Ranys AKA Chumlord:

Bruce, Ken and Don decided to head out to the bluewater in search of a Marlin. We got to the ramp at 4:45 got the boat loaded and were ready to put over when another boat attempted to pull by us to launch, his outriggers were out to the side about 30 degrees and unfortunately his port outrigger caught my starboard rigger and bent it like a pretzel right to the ground, hence the title of this thread "Back up plan". We re-stowed the 50 wides, remaining outrigger and loaded the bottom fishing gear and hit some wrecks. The results were fantastic (Mr. Whitey would have been nicer but what can you do). We ended up with approx. 40 Sea Bass, about 10 of which went 20" plus and a limit of Flounder up to 24".



NAC Cookout Pics

The cookout was a great time had by all. A special thanks to those who organized the event as well as those who came and shared a great day.



Offshore Fishing Pics

Mike Avery's Report:

Fished with Lanie, Michael Jr., Dr. Ike and Naved (NJ). We Left Saltponds inlet at 4:20 am, the bay was nice and flat, but once we got out of the bay had some nice SE swells going that made for a bumpy ride out.

We started out at the tip of the 21 fathom finger, with a beautiful sunrise. Water temp was 76-77 degrees and made it up to 79 by the end of the day. The fingers were full of life, purposes, sea turtles, fat alberts, wahoo, etc.

We trolled a 9 line spread with 8 on the surface and 1 on a z-wing down deep. The fat aberts were everywhere. Some were good size pulling drag like they were somebody, often making us think we had found the YFT. Had several doubles of fat alberts, they were fun to catch letting everyone get some pullage.

Got two nice wahoo, Naved's wahoo came in at 40 lbs on our digital hand scale but all the weigh stations were closed by the time we got back so didn't get to register the citation. Dr. Ike's wahoo hit a pink witch/hoo on top while Naved's hit green machine (wahoo wacker) / bird combo on the WWWWFB center rigger. Nice job Dr. Ike and NJ.

Ended the day with all the fat alberts you wanted, one chicken mahi and 2 nice wahoo for the grill.

Here is our video report for your enjoyment.

<http://sea-duction.net/sea-duction/Fingers%2019%20Aug%2006.wmv>





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

Tips of the Month

Offshore Fishing – Large Wahoo are showing up along the structures off Virginia, they are toothy critters who will give you that dreaded bite off, you can avoid the loss and catch the tasty palagics by adding a small cheater piece of wire to your rigs. Most bite offs are at the hook, so add a small piece of #9 or 10 wire through the pin rig, through the eye of the hook and back into the crimp. You'll be surprised how many wahoos you'll catch.

Inshore Fishing – It's time for the cobias to start showing along the buoys and bridges, get a good pair of polarized sunglasses, start out early in the morning while the seas are calm, slowly approach the structures, try to get as high as possible in the boat, looking down for signs of cobias hanging by structure, have a live bait or bucktail ready, when you spot one send a bait their way. Hang on for the battle, cobias are fun to catch.

We need fishing tips every month, if you have a tip, please feel free to email Lucian Montagna at lmontagnaj@aol.com

Recipes

Linguini Tutto Marre – Bill Sammler

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. Large Shrimp (Peeled and de-veined)
- 2 tbsp. Light Olive Oil
- 2 cans Minced clams (with Juice)
- 2 tbsp Butter
- 1 Small Onion
- 1 lb. Crab meat (or 2 cans)
- 1 tsp Oregano
- 1-2 Tsp. minced garlic (or 3-4 garlic cloves finely chopped)
- ½ tsp. Black pepper
- 1 Pkg. linguini
- Parmesan cheese

Directions:

In a large skillet, sauté onion and garlic in olive oil and butter until just cooked. Add Clams (with juice), crab meat, oregano and pepper and stir. Cook for 3-5 minutes. Add additional water or clam juice if needed. Stir in shrimp and cook until shrimp are just done. Add 1 tbsp of parmesan cheese and stir. Serve over linguini with crusty Italian/French bread. Makes about 6 servings.

We will need recipes every month, if you have a recipe you really like, please feel free and share, by emailing Lucian Montagna at lmontagnaj@aol.com

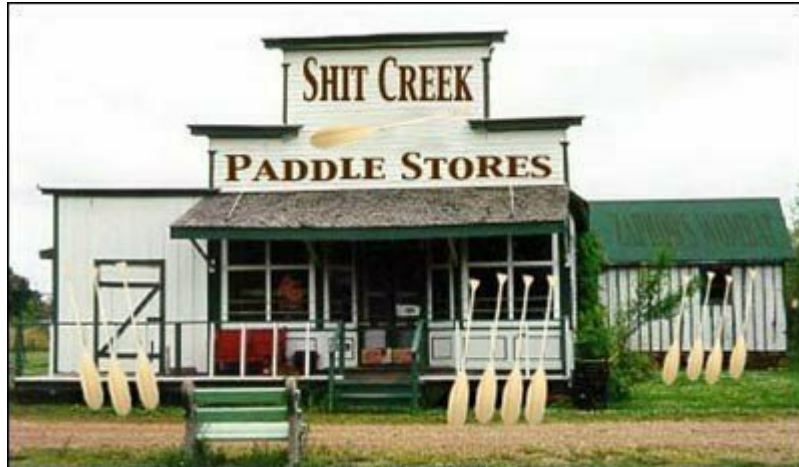
NAC T-Shirts



T-Shirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Visors & Hats

Can be purchased by contacting Darryl Schmitt, a supply will be available at the meetings.

Picture of the Month



Cool Links

Norfolk Anglers Club - <http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com/>

NAC Bylaws -

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

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

Bloodydecks.com - <http://www.bloodydecks.com/>

Tidalfish.com - <http://www.tidalfish.com/boards2/>

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

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.state.va.us/webdoc/pdf/fms216.pdf>

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

<http://www.animatedknots.com/>

Coast Guard Auxiliary - <http://nws.cgaux.org/index.html>

Prayers Needed

Dr. Ike's wife Kathy is in physical therapy to regain some strength and use of her arm, let's pray for her continued good progress.

You can check on her progress at the following website www.carepages.com , sign up and log in to Katscare and it'll give you an update on her condition.

Scott Cole's wife Sandy is very ill, please keep them in your prayers as well.

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.

Classifieds

Any members who have items they would like to list, please email the information to Lucian Montagna at lmontagnaj@aol.com

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