



# WIRELINE

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## Norfolk Anglers Club

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## Coming Events

**Next Meeting: Mon., January 14th, 7 pm**, All Meetings are Open to the Public

**Location:** Martins Restaurant, 331 E. Bayview Blvd., near Tidewater Dr. in Norfolk

**Note:** The Martins let us use their facility free of charge, please take time out to thank them.

**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: – US Coast Guard –** A representative from the Coast Guard will come speak about water safety and basic navigation. This should make for an interesting meeting as the colder weather has made an appearance.

**Also: Bring some line, let's share our Knott Tying techniques.**

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

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## NAC Officers

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## A Message from the Editor

Norfolk, VA – WE NEED YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE JANUARY MEETING, there are a few items to be covered including the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards Banquet slated for February.

As you will see in the reports, it's Striper Time. There has been many Big Stripers caught and there were many big citation fish caught along the CBBT as well as off the Eastern Shore. There are also nice catches of Sea Bass and Tautogs along the wrecks.

Ocean Striper Season is now here and we need to be mindful of the 3 mile line and the line across the Chesapeake Bay Entrance. There are very long lines at the boat ramps and lots of boats trolling along the coast, please be aware of those around you.

It's a new year and it's time to make sure everything is up to date. Check your flares, fishing licenses, offshore permits, boat registrations, etc.

Don't forget how cold the water really is, you can only survive a few minutes in the frigid waters. Having an extra change of dry clothes is also a good thing. I talked to a boater recently whose father fell in the drink, they had some extra clothes and he was able to change right away and continue fishing. He averted possible hypothermia.

Be prepared, wear warm clothing, make sure all your safety equipment is in good working order, have a plan in place in case something goes wrong.

Our meetings are at Martin's Restaurant on Bayview Blvd. **The Martins have graciously allowed us to have our meetings at no charge. Be sure to thank them as well as tip your waitress.**

**Remember, dues for 2008 are now due. Contact Darryl Schmitt (Treasurer) to renew your membership.**

If you haven't joined the NAC, you can do so by contacting Darryl Schmitt (Treasurer), he can be contacted at [ds422@aol.com](mailto:ds422@aol.com) or by calling him direct at 620-4339. 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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## I Need Your Help

I started the NAC Wireline and have been putting it together by myself, writing almost every article since inception. I am looking for a volunteer to help me write articles as well as get the reports together on a monthly basis. This will not be all time consuming, just a little time every month to help me out.

I can be contacted by email at [lmontagnaj@aol.com](mailto:lmontagnaj@aol.com) or by phone at (757)535-6868 just ask for Lucian Montagna.

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## What's Catchin

**Inshore** – Striper, Tautog, Flounder (Season Closed), Bluefish, Speckled Trout, Puppy Drum and more.

**Offshore Va.** – Bluefish and more.

**Offshore NC** - Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Yellowfin Tuna, Bluefin 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

**Report: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Catchin 4 Kids – Fishin Fool Style**  
**By: Lucian Montagna**

**Team: "Hard Corps"**

**Crew:**

Timothy Lord - Marine

Edward Law - Marine

Nathan Custer - Marine

Andre Bautista - Marine

Capt. Mike Beane – Mate

Capt. Lucian Montagna – Fishin Fool

**Boat: Fishin Fool**

31' Contender FA

I was at an early meeting for Catchin for Kids and Sgt. Major Grimes asked if anyone was willing to take some marines fishing for the tournament, I volunteered. I was contacted shortly after and given the names of my crew.

I knew I would need a mate who knows how to catch Big Fish. I contacted my friend Capt. Mike Beane (Kapoc) of Blue Dragon Charters, <http://www.bluedragonfishing.com/> and he volunteered to work the pit, what a GREAT GUY.

We rigged the boat and put her in a slip for the weekend. Our Marine friends showed up on time and we departed 3 am heading north. We FISHED HARD on Saturday, all day and only had 2 fish to show, one in the lower 30 lb range the other in the 20 lb range, we knew we were not even close. We were also representing the NAC so we weighed our fish, the weight to beat was 56.84 lbs.

I spoke to Mike and knew we had to get right back out as soon as possible and change tactics, I decided to leave again at 11 pm the same night and try the anchoring thing, something I rarely do.

We spent the night catching 1 fish at a time with long breaks in between. In the morning we finally hooked our PIG STRIPER, Timothy Lord was at the rod and the beast was trying his best to get away. After a battle the fish came along side and Mike Expertly coached it into the net and pulled it over the side. High Fives all around and we still needed t try to catch a bigger fish which we never found.

We all headed to the weigh in and were one of the first ones there, our fish weighed in at 56.88 lbs, which was just .04 lbs bigger than the fish from the day before, we were now in the lead. It was a real Nail Biter, waiting to see if it would hold up, but it did and we took 1<sup>st</sup> Place as well as Day 2 Calcutta.

BTW: All the Fish were caught on Light Tackle.

We had all agreed prior to fishing the tournament, if we had won, we would DONATE the Prize Money BACK to Catchin 4 Kids and Toys 4 Tots. IT WAS OUR PLEASURE TO GIVE THE CHECK BACK to such a Worthy Cause, over \$3,000.00 dollars.

Final Talley:

Day 1: 2 Stripers up to 32 lbs.

Day 2: 6 Stripers up to 56.88 lbs.

I'd like to congratulate the other winners, including the youth and female anglers who also had OUTSTANDING Catches.

Also, my fellow members of the Norfolk Anglers Club, who participated, helped each other out and also caught some VERY NICE FISH.

Norfolk Anglers Club took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Anglers Club Challenge division with Portsmouth Anglers Club taking 1<sup>st</sup>.







BTW: I was invited to go on a shopping spree to purchase toys for Toys 4 Tots with the proceeds from the tournament. They purchased over \$13,000.00 worth of toys, it doesn't get any better than that.





## **Report: Stripers**

**By: Billy Rellos**

Crew: John, his better half Connie and of course myself.

We left Crab Creek at 6:00pm and headed straight to the High Rise. We made 25 kts. in sloppy conditions. There were not many people out and I wasn't surprised at all. Water temp was 50.11 all the way there.

While cruising with the auto pilot, radar, and the sounder on, I notice we had huge bait marks from the channel all the way to the High Rise.

At 6:45pm we put our first lines with eels the water. 4 lines were with no weight or bobber and 2 had 10oz of lead. We dropped the lead poles down to the bottom and cranked anywhere from 7 to 10 times to bring it off the bottom time to sit back and wait. Two minutes later, we had 2 on the lead poles, Connie and John are on the fish. After some tug of war Connie's fish broke the 50lb leader and John's broke off around the prop. Lines back in and a matter of minutes fish on Connie is up again and this one is coming to the net a fat 47", number one in the box. As soon as we boated that fish, number 2 is on and John is at the rod. After some tug of war number 2 in the box and it is 45", We are stoked.

Well we get situated and 5 minutes later it is my turn fish on. After some more tug of war we boated a 46 1/2" fish.

We are limited but we had some eels and told the crew that these are some quality fish and I bet we could get our release citation if we hang a little longer. Well to make a long story short we all got our releases in short order, 44 1/2", 46", and a 46 1/2". We marked bait and fish the whole time we were there, it was amazing. I think the west wind during the day helped the tide last longer than normal.

What a great crew and an awesome night. Back to the barn at 10:30pm.



## **Report: Stripers**

**By: Dr. Ike**

Fished with Louis Glaser on his boat "Hooked Up", with Chuck and Josh (from Taylors Landing).

We'd gotten word that the bite was on over at the Plantation Light / Concrete Ships area so off we went with plenty of eels.

It was rough going with an east wind and that's the way it stayed most of the day. It took quite a while at first to get the first fish because of no current until after 10 am.

People were mostly trolling and catching one here or there. We persevered with the eels doing free lining, bobbers and on the bottom with lead drifting. Finally Louis got the first fish on free lining, a 39" one so we switched up. By 11:00 I got a monster on, or so I thought, it was pulling line like crazy.

Once the run ended I started to get some head way, loosing a little line here and there as I moved him in finally to the net, 46 1/2", on the scale it looked on the line for a weight paper (I have a release already from January), so in the box it went.

We didn't get anything else until ready to leave near 2 pm when Josh got a 42" fish.

All in all a good day fishing, slow catching but the fish were big. This was my biggest striper to date, didn't make weight citation but a respectable 39.2 lbs.

We saw a lot of big fish caught around us, trolling mostly. Great fishing with you guys. My first with Josh(of many more to come) and always the best time fishing with you Louis and Chuck.



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

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## The "Gourmet Angler"

### **Incredible Striper Cakes**

*Recipe By: Yardbird off Tidalfish*

These are incredible! Taste better than crab cakes! I modified this recipe from a local restaurant's award winning crab cake recipe. My family has been enjoying it for over twenty years. Its great with any local catch. Measurements are approximate. I just estimate and adjust oil, crackers and seasoning to taste.

1 lb fresh or frozen fish (I use striper, but sea bass, tile, flounder and tog will taste great too)  
1 egg  
tablespoon of Old Bay or equivalent  
1 sleeve of Ritz crackers  
4 tablespoons olive oil

Poach (Boil) the fish, drain and break up into lumps, let cool.  
In a separate bowl, mix egg, oil and Old Bay.

Crush crackers by pushing two ends of sleeve towards each other, careful not to make a mess! Sleeve will open slightly to vent the air and the crackers turn to crumbs instantaneously if you do it right.

Mix all ingredients in a bowl.

Make cakes or small balls and then either broil or fry.

If you pan or deep fry, dip in egg wash and then flour or panko crumb.

If you broil, drizzle a little more olive oil or melted butter.

*We will need recipes every month, if you have a recipe you really like, please feel free to share, by Emailing Lucian Montagna at [lmontagnaj@aol.com](mailto:lmontagnaj@aol.com)*

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## NAC Apparel



T-Shirts, Hooded Sweatshirts, Visors, Hats & Bumperstickers  
Can be purchased by contacting Darryl Schmitt, a supply will be available at the meetings.

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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.ccavirginia.org/>

**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+%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>

**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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# Prayers Needed

Some of our very own members are in Iraq, we pray for their safe return as well as for all our armed forces in harms way.

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.

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 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 a NAC Member in good standing to qualify.

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