



THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

WIRELINÉ

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Leadership Notes...

Welcome to another Wireline edition! We've had a lot going on with the club lately and much more planned for the coming months. Our Member's Fall Social is just weeks away and, like past events, is certain to be a great time. Don't forget to sign up at the next meeting and we'll see you there.

Last month we began a canned food drive for our local Food Banks. I encourage each of you to bring a canned food item to the next meeting and we'll collect them up. When you do we'll give you a free raffle ticket for the night's drawing.

I'm extremely pleased to Welcome Back Captain David Hester as our October Guest Speaker. When it comes to Speckled Trout fishing few can match Captain Hester's zeal for the sport, or his success.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting,

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MEETING

Guest Speaker: Captain David Hester, Fishy Business Charters, discusses Speckled Trout fishing with artificial lures. Capt Hester is a professionally sponsored angler who fishes Fresh and Inshore Saltwater waters. He's an accomplished tournament angler who'll share his expertise with us at the October meeting.

Casey Shaw will also be joining us to feature the Elizabeth River Project. The ER Project is a partnership study with Duke University Superfund Research Center and the Virginia Dept of Environmental Quality to conduct contamination analysis of Red Drum and Speckled Trout in targeted estuaries.

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Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday October 13, 7 pm

Location:

Teppanyaki Buffet - 7525 Tidewater Dr Norfolk VA 23505

Fishing Tips....

Fishing from a kayak can open an angler to many fishing opportunities. Kayaks provide a stealthy approach to fishing spots and can usually get an angler into places most boats, even smaller skiffs, can't reach. Unlike powered boats, the kayak requires YOU to power, or paddle, it to the fish.

Wayne Badby joined us for our September meeting and shared his perspective on kayak fishing. Wayne's fished much of the east coast from South Carolina to New York and offered his recommendations on getting into kayak fishing.

Wayne suggests connecting with one of the local kayak fishing organizations, like Tidewater Kayak Anglers Association (TKAA) or local kayak dealers to find a kayak best suited to your fishing intentions.



To get started in kayak fishing a few things are needed. Obviously, a kayak, which can range between \$450 to \$2,000 but there are other components equally important. Your seat, it's got to be comfortable as you'll be in it for hours at a time. Your paddle, a quality composite paddle can cost up to \$450. A lightweight and quality paddle is essential as you'll be using it throughout the entire fishing trip. And, your Personal Floatation Device. Not only is your PFD required but it's also got to fit well and not interfere with your fishing or paddling. Along with the kayak, paddle, seat, and PFD there's other items that can make your fishing more enjoyable and safer. A hand-held VHF radio, anchor, elevated flag for daylight visibility and lights for fishing at night will enhance your fishing enjoyment. Having an organization system for tackle, bait, and rods is also helpful. Wayne uses a modified milk crate system for equipment storage and for mounting his rod holders.

As for fishing tackle, Wayne uses the standard fishing rigs and techniques everyone uses however, he prefers rods long enough to work the fish around the ends of the kayak.





Help us study red drum and speckled trout on the River



Currently, fish consumption advisories exist on the Elizabeth and Lafayette Rivers for popular sport fish such as striped bass, croaker, and spot; however, no consumption advisories are in place for speckled trout or red drum, two very popular game fish on the Elizabeth and Lafayette Rivers.

In a partnership between with the Elizabeth River Project (ERP), Duke University Superfund Research Center, and the Virginia DEQ, we are conducting an angler survey to document fish catch and consumption and to collect speckled trout and red drum for contaminant analysis.

Current advisories are issued by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) based on fish and sediment monitoring data on these contaminants and others. The results of this study will be used to aid Virginia agencies in determining if the current advisories are sufficient or should be revised.

What can you do as an angler?

Elizabeth River, Lafayette River, and Lynnhaven River Anglers

Please consider donating whole red drum or speckled trout caught within one of the collection site circles on the map for analysis. Ten red drum and ten speckled trout are needed for each site. Please see the Angler Collection guidelines for detailed information. For questions about donating fish or to donate fish on the Elizabeth or Lafayette Rivers, contact Casey Shaw, 757-362-3967 , cshaw@elizabethriver.org and for the Lynnhaven River contact Dave Koubsky, 757-362-3967, dkoubsky@elizabethriver.org

Elizabeth River Project WebSite: <http://www.elizabethriver.org>

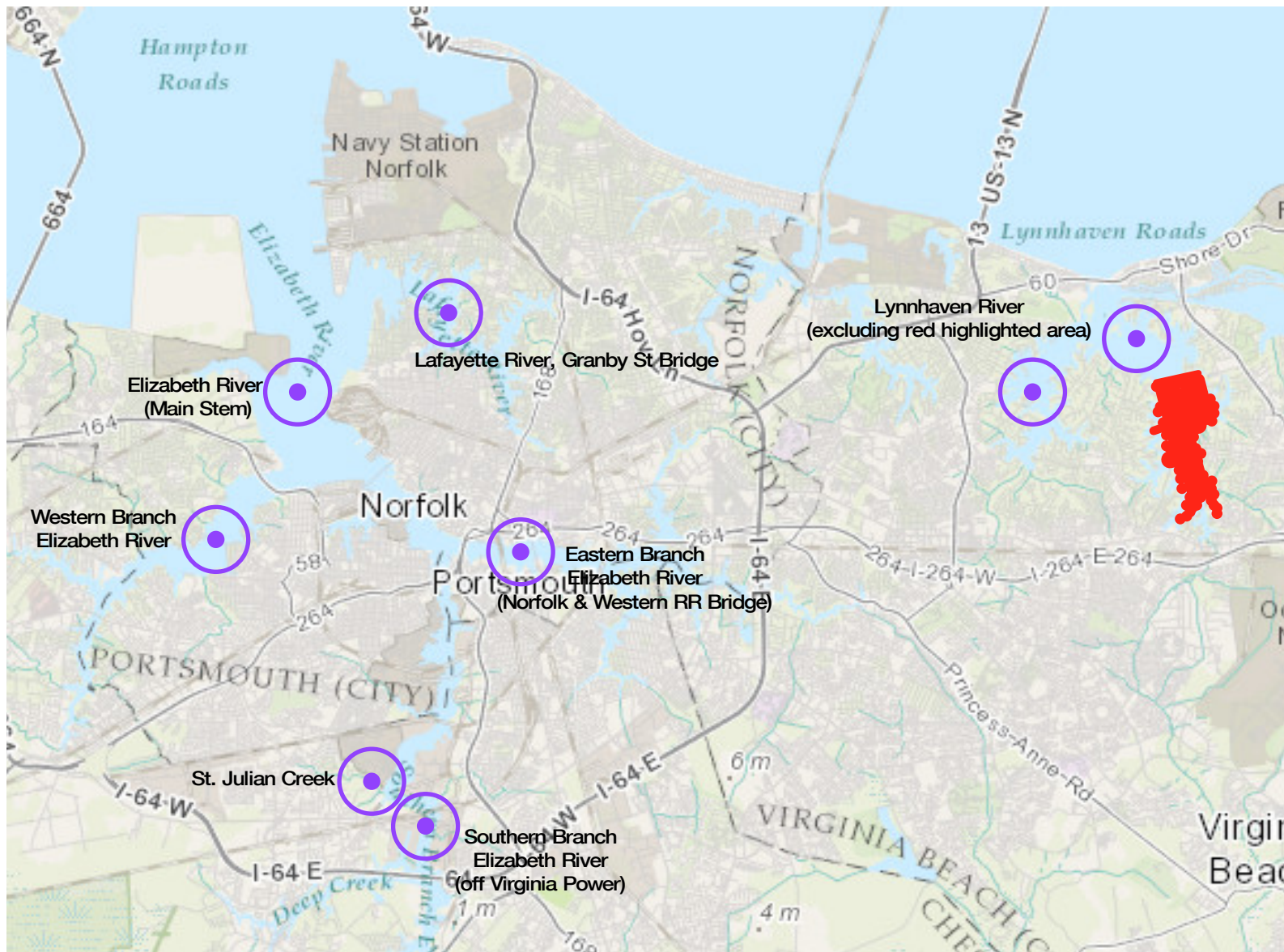
	RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS, REDFISH) Minimum Size Limit.....18 inches Maximum Size Limit.....26 inches Possession Limit.....3 per person
	SPECKLED TROUT (SPOTTED SEATROUT) Minimum Size Limit.....14 inches Possession Limit.....5 per person (Only one speckled trout of the 5-fish limit may be 24 inches or greater)

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One angler entry
for
each whole fish donated.

Elizabeth River Project Collection Areas



Collection Site	# Red Drum Still Required	# Speckled Trout Still Required
Lafayette River, Granby St. Bridge	10	10
Elizabeth River Mainstem	0	10
Western Branch Elizabeth River	10	10
Eastern Branch Elizabeth River, Norfolk & Western RR bridge	10	10
St. Julian Creek	10	10
Southern Branch Elizabeth River off Virginia power	1	10
Lynnhaven River	10	10

To Donate Fish Contact Elizabeth River Project Coordinators at Office (757)399-7487 or Cell (757)362-6967

Elizabeth River
Casey Shaw, cshaw@elizabethriver.org

Lynnhaven River
Dave Koubsky, dkoubsky@elizabethriver.org

Fishing Reports

Successful Catch at 3rd Island 24 AUG 14

By Ned Smith

Recently, I caught this flounder at the 3rd Island. It was unusual because the 22.5 inch fish weighed in at 5 lb. 14 oz. It was almost as wide as it was long. The bug-eyed red was caught in the Elizabeth River as well as the double puppy drum hookup on the one top water lure.



Flounder 28 Aug 14

Jimmy Robinson had a successful day with Flounder! Limit in Lynnhaven was four. His biggest catch was 4.1lbs at 23 inches.



Great Drum Run

By Ned Smith 17 SEP 14

Louis Glaser took Gregg, Eugene, Billy and I drum fishing on the Hooked Up on a windy day with 3 to 4 foot seas. We had heard there was a bite at the 2nd Island CBBT the day before. With fresh mullet and fish-finder rigs, we fished the bay side for two hours for one drum, then went to the ocean side for a few hours and caught four more. The length of the fish were 45, 46, 46 1/2, 48 and 51 1/2 inches. Had a great day thanks to Louis and other buddies.



Eugene's 51.5" Red Drum



Gregg's 48" Red Drum



Ned's 46" Red Drum

Ned's fish-finder rig consists of a 6/0 or 7/0 Circle hook snelled to 60# Monofilament Leader about 3ft in length. Join the Mono Leader to Braided Fishing line with a Barrel Swivel and place a sliding sinker rig above the swivel. Use as light a weight as possible to rest on the bottom.





Reds in the Lynnhaven River

22 SEP 14

By Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower

Russell and I went fishing the Lynnhaven River for puppy drum before dawn last week when the high tide was in and we had a NE wind. The first place we stopped only produced one fish by daybreak so we headed to new cove we had not explored. We weren't there but about ten minutes and had two hook ups. We thought the first one was cut off and when Russell finally got the fish in we found two hooks in him. One was the one cut off from Russell's first pole. Finished catching reds a little after 9am with a double limit of 21" to 26" fish. We then started looking around for speckled trout but the water was dirty and never got a bite. Still a great day fishing as we got home before noon.



We love blackened redfish!

Getting Triggy With It. Trusting your Gut.

Written by Beth Synowiec



Sept 17, 2014 Although, we had originally intended to sheepshead fish today, at the launch, we both decided to try for citation triggers instead. Because it was on my goal list for 2014, I was prepared for both. Kevin and I headed out to the CBBT (and yes the weatherman was a bit off as usual~! HA!) The wind was blowing NE and around 18 at times and the current was kickin something ridiculous. Kevin was talking about turning around and heading back by the time we approached the first island . He stopped here and tried to convince me to fish here. We looked around but in my heart I could not get the spot where I originally wanted to go, out of my head~!. It was gnawing at me to the point I could not stand it! I had to say something. I literally pleaded and convinced him to not settle or go home. Yes the trip was rough and uncomfortable, but I just knew we were safe in my gut and so we had to give that spot a try.

Now everyone knows in fishing there are no guarantees, that is why they call it fishing. But there is something called a sense or an aura. I tell people all the time, When you learn how to listen to that inner voice and you learn how to trust it, that is what makes you a better fisherman. It is there for a reason.

We arrived to the spot. We got settled and then dropped our lines. What happened next was nothing short of amazing. Within 5 minutes, Kevin's line went off, ZZZZ and the drag this fish pulled was insane! He fought that fish as it drilled with all its

might. Kevin could not remove the smile from his face during the battle. I think it became permanently at one point! I quickly pulled my line in and grabbed the net. We saw color as the fish surfaced, and it was a trigger; It was a 4 lb 8 Oz trigger! We boated the fish and Kevin looked at me with surprise.

We continued to fish using cut bait and 3/0 rigs with hooks. Shortly after that my line went off with some 'sexy' drag as well. I was definitely feeling the love. Kevin heard my drag rip ZZZZZZ and he quickly put his line down and located the net for me. The fight was incredible. We both saw the fish dart towards the boat as he tried to swim under but I managed to get the last word when I boated the feisty 4 lb 6 oz trigger. :0) We also managed to catch and release some nice 21inch togs and a pretty 27 inch red drum during this short trip as well. The wind then got increasingly bad, so we left the location to head back to the dock. When we got there, Kevin thanked me for seeing the whole picture, but I didn't need any thanks.

What was now in the box was thanks enough! Mission accomplished. The story has an extra happy ending too because a few days ago, we received an email from Ann Burnett of the Virginia Saltwater tournaments. Apparently, Kevin currently now holds the state leader trigger for 2014. |||||➡ Congratulations on a beautiful catch, but more importantly thank you for not giving up and for being my Captain . :0)



Virginia Citations Reported 9-18-14 to 9-24-14						
Species	Citation Size	Kills	Releases	YTD K-R-Total	Leading Entry	Angler
Amberjack	50"	**	0	12		
Black Drum	80 lbs/46"	0	1	0-47-47		
Blue Marlin	Any	**	6	66		
Bluefish	16 lbs/36"	0	0	0-8-8		
Blueline Tilefish	10 lbs	1	*	135	22 lbs 0 oz	Robert T. Lawson
Cobia	55 lbs/50"	12	8	131-72-203	92 lbs 0 oz	Marc Hines
Dolphin	25 lbs	3	*	51	48 lbs 0 oz	John Yates
False Albacore	32"	**	0	3		
Flounder	7 lbs/26"	3	0	54-1-55	10 lbs 3 oz	David Oswald
Gray Triggerfish	4 lbs/20"	2	0	4-4-8	4 lbs 8 oz	Kevin Synowiec
Gray Trout	9 lbs/20"	0	0	0-1-1		

ANGLER INTERESTS

Norfolk Anglers Club Fall Social



Saturday October 18, 2014: We're hosting our Member's Fall Cookout at a new location this year. The event starts at 3:00pm. Sign up at the October meeting so we know you're coming. There'll be plenty of BBQ, Seafood, side dishes, and non-alcoholic beverages (BYOB). Consider bringing a desert dish if you like. Location: Will & Wendy's, 2220 Meadow Ridge Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

Intent to raise Saltwater Recreational License fees



September 23, 2014: The Marine Resources Commission today signaled its intent to raise Saltwater Recreational License fees effective January 1, 2015. The fees have not been raised for a number of years, and the increases are needed to preserve important angler programs in the face of impending State budget cuts.

The Commission voted unanimously to advertise for an October 28, 2014 Public Hearing on Chapter 4 VAC 20-1090-10 ET SEQ., "Pertaining to licensing requirements and Licenseing Fees," to increase saltwater recreational license fees to ensure continuation of core recreational programs. These core recreational programs include, but are not limited to, recreational law enforcement, the Virginia Saltwater Tournament, The Gane & Fish Tagging Program, and the Artificial Reef Program. The recreational license fees have only been increased two times since 1993. The Recreational Fishing Advisory Board is supportive of the proposed amendments in order to continue the funding of core recreational programs.

Summer Flounder Admendment Scoping Hearings



September 29 - October 22, 2014: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) have scheduled a series of scoping hearings to gather public input on the range of issues and information to be considered in the Comprehensive Summer Flounder

Amendment. Hearings will be held September 29 – October 22 in coastal states from Massachusetts to North Carolina.

There's a Scoping Hearing scheduled in Newport News for October 14, 2014 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Contact: Kiley Dancy, FMP Coordinator, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council kdancy@mafmc.org, 302.526.5257 for additional information.

Boating and Fishing Flea Market



Boating and Fishing Flea Market at Max King Marine: Saturday 11 October, 2014 at Max King Marine, 3829 Shore Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission \$3 per person with children age 12 and under free.

T-Shirts for SALE

Check them out at the next meeting! \$15.00 for short sleeves and \$18.00 for long sleeve



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Anglers Club Tee-Shirt
to the meeting and get
a free raffle ticket!!**

