

THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB WIRELINER

OCTOBER 2015

Old Cape Henry Lighthouse
Completed October 1792



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★ *Next Meeting* ★
OCTOBER 12th
is at
Boater's Warehouse
in JANAF Shopping
Center

Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

A tremendous THANK YOU for the toys and food donated at our last meeting. All of it is appreciated and will go to two great programs.

We're continuing to collect new and unwrapped toys for the Sea Tow Hampton Roads *Stuff-a-Boat Holiday Toy Drive* so please remember to bring along a toy for the children. Ed & Karen Schrader have a collection box set up and will make sure the toys get to the Toys for Tots program.

We're also collecting nonperishable food items for the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore. When you donate to the food collection you get a free raffle ticket for the evening's drawing.

***Don't forget the Club Fall Social on October 17th!

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MEETING

Guest Speaker : Otis Ricks on catching Tautog

If you're going to talk about catching Tautogs, who else are you going to talk with but Otis Ricks? Otis has been catching and sharing his knowledge about Tautogs for,...well..., just about forever.

Otis is a true gentleman, an entertaining speaker, and a phenomenal teacher of Taug fishing. We're fortunate to have him joining us at Boater's Warehouse to share his Taug catching expertise with our club and guests.



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Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, October 12th at 7 pm

Location:

Boater's Warehouse JANAF Shopping Center, Norfolk
5764 E. Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23502



The "Old" Cape Henry Lighthouse

The first construction project authorized by the new United States was completed in October 1792 at a cost of \$17,700. Initial construction contract was for \$15,200 however, an additional \$2,500 was needed to complete construction. It was built from Aquia and Rappahannock sandstone by John McComb, Jr., an architect also involved in the construction of New York City Hall. Cape Henry Lighthouse is eight-sided with a base of 26 feet and 16 feet at the top. It rises 90 feet and went into operation in October 1792. It served to guide and warn mariners of the hazards of Cape Henry for 89 years until a replacement was erected 350 away. The "New" Cape Henry Lighthouse stands 157 feet tall and was completed in 1881. The Old Cape Henry Lighthouse is one of the oldest surviving lighthouses in the United States.

The Lighthouse is located on Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek - Fort Story and is open for visits. Hours of operation;

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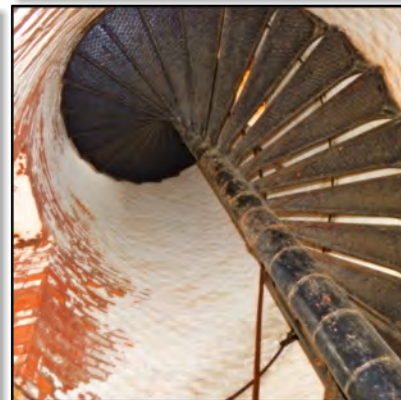
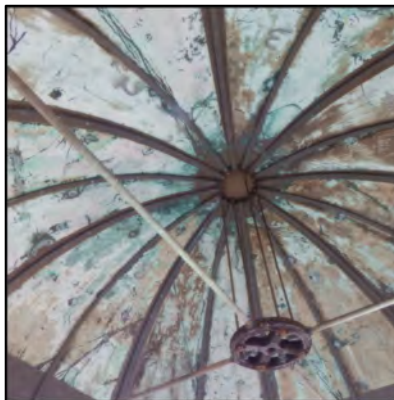
March 17 - October 31: 10:00am-5:00pm

November 1 - December 31: 10:00am-4:00pm.

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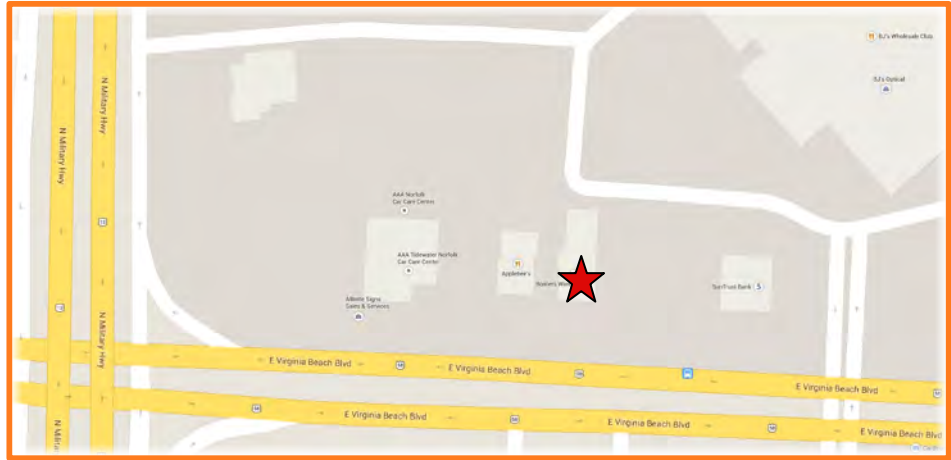
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OCTOBER MEETING LOCATION

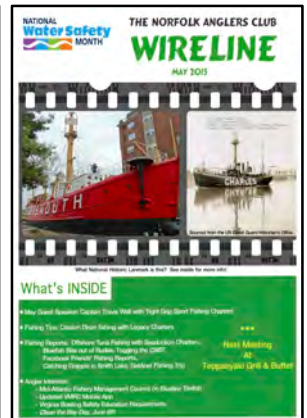
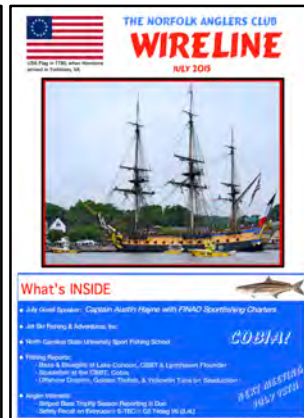
**Location: Boater's Warehouse at JANAF Shopping Center;
5764 E. Virginia Beach Blvd, Norfolk
Time: 7:00pm**

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Freezers to collect these donations are placed at some of the more popular bait and tackle shops around the Chesapeake Bay region, as part of the Marine Sportfish Collection Project. The project focuses on species of fish that are difficult to collect through the agency's commercial sampling program. Anglers are asked to donate their filleted carcasses (head and tail intact) of fresh-caught bluefish, cobia, sheepshead, spadefish, Spanish mackerel, speckled trout, red and black drum, tautog, tilefish and grouper.

Scientists want to study the length, age, and sex of the fish. The information will help the state agency assess the health of these fish populations without collecting large numbers of live fish to study. As a result, this project will leave more fish out there for you to catch next time. The growing success of the project has been demonstrated by increasing numbers of carcass donations each year.

The age of the fish will be determined by analyzing the rings of the otolith, a small bone that develops layers of variable growth in the summer and winter, similar to the growth of rings in trees. In return for participating in the project, the agency will provide a free sportfish tee-shirt.

Anglers will find a collection "Kit" in the freezer at the donation site. The kit has the reporting form, collection bag, and pencil to record your donation.















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The Marine Sportfish Collection Project will focus on species of fish that are difficult to collect through the agency's normal sampling program. Anglers are asked to donate their filleted carcasses (head and tail intact) of legal and fresh-caught:




BLUEFISH (GREATER THAN 36 INCHES)	TAUTOG	COBIA	RED DRUM
			
SHEEPSHEAD	SPADEFISH (GREATER THAN 12 INCHES)	SPANISH MACKEREL	SPECKLED TROUT (SPOTTED SEATROUT)
			
BLACK DRUM	TILEFISH (BLUELINE OR GOLDEN)	WRECKFISH, SNOWY GROUPEL, WARSAW GROUPEL	
			

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Fill out the form, place it in the ziploc bag and put your fish and the form in the collection bag. It's that easy!



DONATION FORM FOR: LITTLE CREEK MARINA

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- Failure to provide verifiable contact information, or an identifiable location of where you caught your donated fish, may result in no reward being issued.
- One reward item, per angler, per month, regardless of the number of fish donated.

*YOUR NAME			
*DATE OF CATCH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)			
*ADDRESS			
*CITY/STATE/ZIP			
*HOME PHONE			

*Where did you catch your fish? BE SPECIFIC ABOUT LOCATION!
(Example: NORFOLK CANYON; CBBT-HIGH RISE; BUOY 13)

*Fish collected (circle all that apply):

SPANISH MACKEREL	SHEEPSHEAD
SPECKLED TROUT	BLACK DRUM
TILEFISH	GROUPEL
SPADEFISH (OVER 12 INCHES)	COBIA
BLUEFISH (OVER 36 INCHES)	TAUTOG

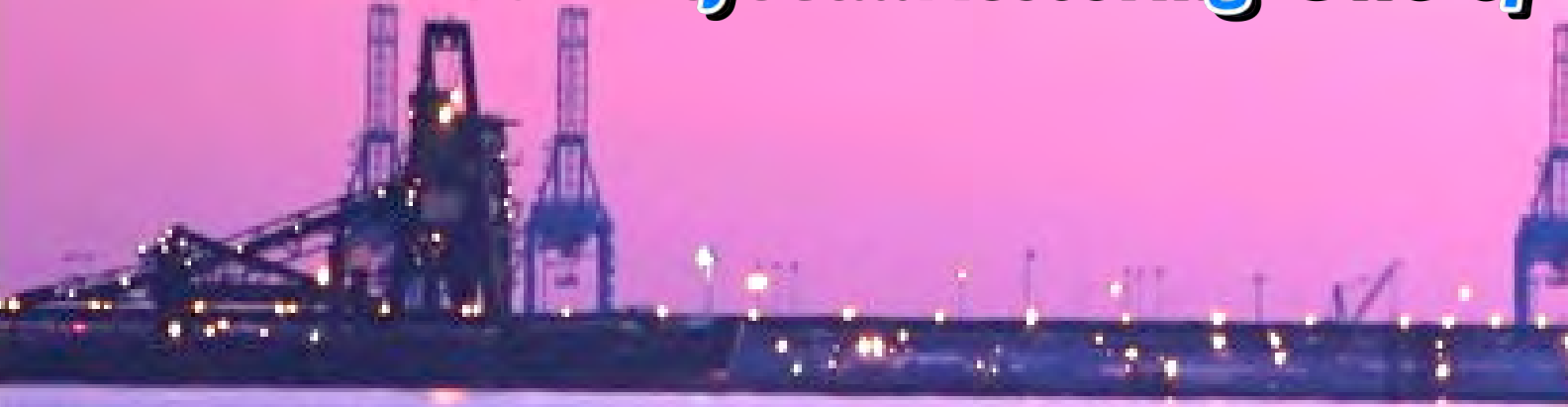
Information about specifically tagged fish (please ID fish if donating multiple species, and tag each fish you know the weight of)

Fish ID	Tag Number	Weight (pounds)	Batch (STAFF USE ONLY)
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Elizabeth River Project...Restoring One of



The Elizabeth River Project began in the early 90's with four citizens and a belief that fellow citizens, government and industry could work together to achieve a balance of a healthy river *and* a healthy economy. After more than 24 years of working together, that cooperative partnership has brought the Elizabeth River from a notoriously polluted, considered by many almost dead, waterway to one of remarkable improvement and progress but, their work is far from complete. The Elizabeth River Project's long term mission is to "Restore the Elizabeth River to the highest practical level of environmental quality through government business, & community partnerships".

These partnerships include more than 2,000 citizen members, 121 River Star facilities, and Government projects with the U.S. Navy, NOAA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (VDCR), as well as City Governments and business from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake.

One of the focus areas for ERP has been the Southern Branch of Elizabeth River. Remediating contaminated sediment from Money Point became major focus area. Money Point was a long time dump site for creosote (high in polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons or PAH) and a major fire in the 1960's heavily contaminated the river sediment. The project involves removal of more than 80,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment, replacement with a living cap of sand and oyster shell to recover 19 acres of river bottom.



The Money Point sediment remediation project has already witnessed improvement. The Mummichog (Gudgeon or Mud Minnow) is a key indicator of the health of the river in an isolated area. The Mummichog spend their entire life in a small area of the river bottom and reflect the health of their surroundings. The Mummichog in the remediated areas have begun to show diminished cancer levels. Another indicator of success is the diversity of Fin Fish before and after remediation effort. Prior to the restoration only four species were found. Following the Money Point restoration 26 species of Fin Fish were recorded.



"One Creek at a Time"...Paradise Creek restoration

The Paradise Creek Nature Park began in 2001 and is an example of Business, Government and Schools working together to restore a 40 acre parcel feeding into the Elizabeth River. The Paradise Creek restoration wasn't a single ERP effort but represents hundreds of projects carried out by organizations and thousands of citizens with a single purpose - to help restore the Elizabeth River.



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Speckled Trout and Red Drum PCB Study

Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) were widely used in electrical components until banned in 1979. Though many other fish species have been studied for PCB contamination, Speckled Trout and Red Drum were not. The Elizabeth River Project in conjunction with Duke University began a study of PCB contamination for both species in 2014. Collecting 10 samples from each of the Elizabeth River Branches (Main Stem, Eastern, Southern, Western, St Julian Creek, and Lafayette River) samples are compared against a control group (Lynnhaven River). Results are then compared against the Virginia Dept of Environmental Quality (DEQ) screening level and Virginia Dept of Health (VDH) limits of concern. Measurements are reflected in Parts Per Billion (ppb). Here's what they found...

Speckled Trout PCB Study

<u>Location</u>	<u>PPB</u>
Lynnhaven River (Control Group)	1.60
ER - Eastern Branch	15.92
ER - Main Stem	23.38
ER - Southern Branch (Hot Ditch)	24.94
ER - St. Julian's Creek	28.70
ER - Western Branch	30.47
Lafayette River (Granby St. Bridge)	75.01

DEQ Screening Values and VDH Limits

Above DEQ screening value 20 ppb
Above VDH lower limit of concern 100 ppb
Above VDH upper limit of concern 500 ppb

*** Red drum PCB results are not reflected. PCB Study for Red is ongoing (They need more samples = go fishing)

How can You help?

Everyone has a part in restoring our waterways. There are many ways anglers and homeowners can contribute to improving our waterways. Reduce bacteria levels in our rivers by always picking up pet waste and never feeding migrating geese. Prevent yard debris (grass, leaves) and oil from entering the storm drain system. Never flush medicine down the drain because they can't be processed out by HRSD. Don't pour grease down the sink. Boat owners - Pump Out sewage at the proper facilities. Homeowners - reduce fertilizer use, set up rain barrels. Learn more about your community's environmental education and improvement programs.

To learn more visit the Elizabeth River Project website at <http://www.elizabethriver.org/> or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ElizabethRiverProject>



Many THANKS to Mr Joe Rieger, Deputy Director - Restoration with the Elizabeth River Project for sharing his knowledge and the great work the Elizabeth River Project is doing with the Norfolk Anglers Club.

Fishing Reports...



18 - 19 SEP: I had my dad, Roberto Sainz, in town for the weekend. We went fishing with Ned Smith for Flounder. We caught 20 Flounders . Of which 10 were keepers between 18" and 24" at the 4th island. Also fished the next day and caught 4 flounders with three being keepers at the 1st island. We could only fish for a couple of hours due to the winds really picking up! - Bert Sainz

HOPE ROBERTO
HAD A GREAT
83RD BIRTHDAY
AND MAY HE
HAVE MANY
MANY MORE!



28 August: Had slow bite on the Flounder, plenty of other fish species, including this 13.5 inch Gag Grouper. I was fishing in the CBBT 1st and 2nd area. - Jimmy Robinson



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19 SEP: On Saturday, Jerry Humphrey and I caught 15 trigger, 3 puffers, 1 small black drum and 1 large sheepshead. 3 of the triggers were over 4 lb citation size. Caught near the third island.
- Mike Delbridge



11 SEP: Monster!
The bait was bigger.
Used Jig head,
casted for trout,
but no trout.
- Jimmy Robinson

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16 SEP: Bert and I got out on the water early and headed for the 2nd Island Tube. Later in the day we worked the 4th Island Tube and north of the 4th between the bridge spans. We had the best bite drifting around the pylons and between the bridge spans. We caught 8 keeper Flounder (18 to 24") and had as many throw backs. Caught the Flounder on live bunker, mullet and spot and a few on baited double rigged jigs. I had an added surprise when I hooked up with a 32 inch red drum on my top jigs. - Ned Smith



9 SEP: Cap'n Craig Paige aboard the *Paige II* fished the CBBT and landed some nice flounder.
- Louis Glaser

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18 SEP: Went flounder fishing with Jerry Gaines on Friday and caught our limit of Flounder in the Baltimore channel using a naked hook with cut bait. Seven of the eight fish were quality. - Louis Glaser

17 SEP: Nick Wright took JB and I flounder fishing around the 2nd and 4th islands of CBBT. We had light winds and fast currents but the water was clear and fishable. We took live gudgeons and flounder belly; no



bite on the gudgeons but caught 7 keepers and a number of throw backs on double rigged jigs trimmed with flounder belly. We generally used 2 oz bottom jigs and 1/2 oz top jigs. The keepers ranged from 17 1/2 to 25 inches (6.5 lb.). As shown in the pic the big boy took the 1/2 oz top jig. - Ned Smith



21 SEP: Some nice size spot showed up inside Lynnhaven . Not plentiful yet but hope it gets better soon. Big croakers everywhere! - Jimmy Robinson



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16 Sep: I went fishing for flounder with Louis Glaser on his skiff along with Jerry Gaines and we caught a three man limit from around the CBBT 2nd Island. It could not have been a more wonderful weather day on the water, cool light winds and light current. Using mostly small spot for bait. I caught the largest at 22 inches but the majority were 18 and 19 inches. We ran through 50 spot in no time because of the critters. No throwback flounder but too many gag groupers the size of your hand. Typically the last fish took the longest to find which showed up at the Yancey wreck on cut bait. - Dr Ike



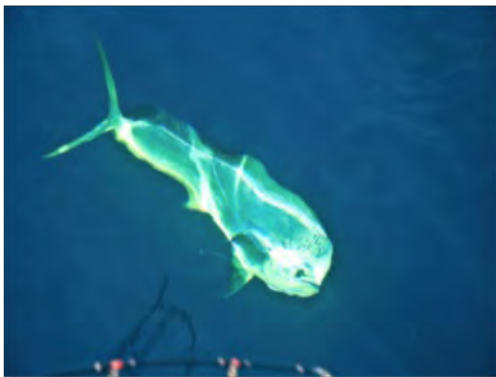
26 Sep: Aiden Wentworth caught this nice Spot off his Grandparents boat in Little Creek. Aiden has become quite an Angler and has the Spot and Croaker dialed in. Aiden was our early leader in the club tournament last month. Way to Go Aiden!

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While there is currently a lot of talk about Big Eye tuna, my heart lies with Mahi Mahi, also known as Dolphin Fish or Dorado.

I have been blessed to go out twice in the last couple of weeks. The Mahi's were plentiful! On the first trip I went on, we were drifting, chunking for Yellow Fin Tuna, when we drifted past a lobster ball. Suddenly we were slammed! With Mahi! They ranged from slinger to gaffer size. Good eats. Even at night, you could see how lit up they were.

A few days later, we went offshore again, and we got hit by Mahi in the spread. Again, nice slingers and gaffers. For some reason, the big ones were not interested in our bait. I always say "There is a reason those fish are so big, they have out-smarted the fisherman". We managed a couple of Wahoo along the way as well. Got a couple of people their citation on them. As the sun began to set, we were changing out the spread for a Big Eye spread. We never got a hit. But then neither did the Rebel, who is famous for his Big Eye hits. Guess it was just the wrong place at the wrong time.

I tried to pull the first shift, but none of us got any sleep because the sea life was quite active. 4 huge sharks between 10 PM and 2 AM, flying fish and other bait fish around the boat kept us entertained. We even had some baby blue fin tuna bite the hook. Of course, we released them. As the sun came up, we put the tuna spread out again. Mahi seemed to be everywhere. No hits for us, and we had a fish box full of mahi and wahoo, so we headed for home. Winds were due to pick up anyway.

I love offshore overnights. So many possibilities! When we troll, my job is to be at the helm and help the guys boat the fish. Sometimes it's not too hard. But other times, when there are multiple fish on, or the fish is a little wild, it gets a little tough. But there is nothing like being a part of a team, especially when you get the hook up and boat the fish!

- Lanie Avery



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Saturday, 12 September 2015, Mike and I participated in our 12th Wish-a-Fish event where we take special needs children and their families fishing. Unfortunately one of the boats blew a prop as he was trying to get to the event, so he missed out on the fun. But we ended up taking two families and were twice blessed.

The first family was the Bayer Family.

Jacob and Blair were the parents. Jacob was part of the mission of the Somali pirates that was portrayed in "Captain Phillips", the movie.

Daughter Aydin, 6, has Autism and is blind. She has had several brain surgeries. She can now see light and shadows. This child is truly amazing. She is considered "non-verbal" on the autism spectrum. But she can sing songs in perfect pitch and that is how she communicates. She even makes up songs. The dad told me that he was awakened one morning when she was a little younger by her singing an "I love you" song to him. They hadn't heard her talk up to this point. She has her own YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Aydin+McVeigh

While she was on the boat with us, she sang quite a bit. And her voice, is so sophisticated!

Then there was her little brother, Jacob Jr., 2. He was always looking out for Aydin. When they handed out the swag, he kept making sure Aydin got hers. He warmed up to me real quick, and even let me hold his trucks.



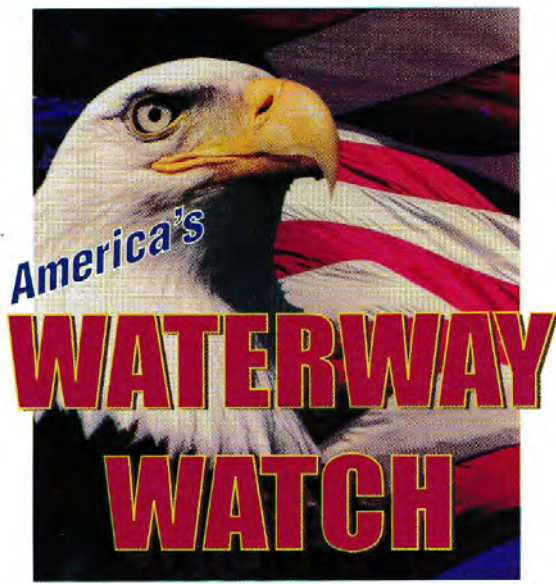
The second family was the Barnes Family.

There was the dad, Jerry. Jonah was 13 and Lydia was 6. Lydia has Down's Syndrome, but it doesn't have her! She loved "driving" the boat. And if you have ever seen the helm, you know how many knobs and buttons there are. Too much temptation for a 6 year old! But she did look at the GPS and say "here we are" when she saw the boat icon. She wanted to get us to the ground. I didn't have the heart to tell her we were just drifting. She seemed content to be piloting the boat. She kept pointing out other boats on the water, so she was very aware of the surroundings. She immediately took to Jacob Jr. She called him "baby" until I told her his name. Then she called him Jacob. She tried to help him down the steps into the cabin of the boat. And he was totally mesmerized by the cabin, so he went up and down a lot. And I always had to hold his cars. Eventually Lydia got tired, so he started asking me, "you help me?" I could I say no to that face?

We hope that telling this first person narrative will encourage other fisherman to participate next year so no family gets turned away.

Mike and Lanie Avery, *Seaduction Charters*





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New T-Shirts are being ordered in late October. Don't miss your chance to get your order in. You don't pay until the T-Shirts arrive. You can order by contacting Wendy Bransom either by email or at the October 12th Norfolk Anglers Club Meeting. Ladies shirts (fish on back), Mens Wicking and Mens Long Sleeve Cotton T-Shirts will use Direct to Garment Printing for the print on the back.



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Ladies T-Shirts: For Fish on the back of T-Shirt, shirt only comes in White: You can choose any Fish in the AARD-ALLTUF Catalog. Norfolk Anglers Club Logo goes on top left of shirt. These shirts will have Direct to Garment Printing. You can order any of the other colors below each shirt, but they won't have a fish on the back (Designs on the back of the Ladies' shirts are only printed on white T-Shirt).



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TF 1



TF 2



TF 3



TF 4



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TF 40



Long Sleeve Mens SPF Wicking Shirt w/ side vents 100% Microdenier Polyester Moisture Wick Technology., **White Only**, M - 2X, no pocket, NAC Logo in Front Left. Cost \$25.00. Direct to Garment Printing will be used (Can't feel fish on your back; your back won't get hot). Choose the fish you want on the back of the shirt from TF 1 to 45



Long Sleeve Mens Cotton T-Shirt TF Series: Pocket on Front with NAC Logo, sizes M to 2X. Only comes in **White and Ash**. Cost is \$18.00. This shirt will also use the Direct to Garment Printing. Choose the fish you want on the back of the shirt from TF 1 to 45. There is no pocket on this tee seen here but the ones we will order will have pockets.

Angler Interests

Norfolk Anglers Club Canned Food Drive.....We never stop collecting



The Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore was pleased to receive the non-perishable food items we've been collecting at the meetings. As a club we can certainly do more for those who could use our help. The summer months always seem to be a time when food bank donations slow, so

let's re-double our efforts in the coming months.

Items always in need; Lean Canned Protein (Peanut Butter, Tuna, Chicken, Turkey, Beans), Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Fruit Preserves and Dried Fruit, Whole Grains (Pasta, Oatmeal, Rice, Crackers), Other Meals (Stew, Boxed Meals, Canned Pasta), and Baby Products (Formula, Baby Food, Diapers, and Wipes).

We'll have a box for your donations at the door. So take a moment while you're out shopping to pick up a few of the items and bring them to the meeting. We'll take care of getting them to the Food Bank. Thank You for all you've contributed so far.

SeaTow Hampton Roads "Stuff-a-Boat" Holiday Toy Drive



Sea Tow Hampton Roads will be joining Sea Tow Services International in a campaign this year to "Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive". We will be collecting toys that are new and un-giftwrapped. We are inviting the local angler and fishing clubs to participate in our Toy Drive. The only thing we are asking of club members is to bring your toys to your monthly club meeting in October and November. Sea Tow Hampton Roads will attend your meeting to collect toys and store at the Sea Tow office. If for some reason you don't make the monthly meetings you can visit www.facebook.com/SeaTowhamptonroads for locations where drop off boxes are available.

In December we'll take all toys and stuff a Sea Tow Boat. Members of the local clubs are welcome to join us for a photo. The toys will be delivered to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign.



Every little bit helps and your donation will make a child's holiday a whole lot brighter!

If you have any questions you may contact Ed or Karen Schrader, Sea Tow Hampton Roads, at 757-496-1999.

VBAC Fall Fishing Flea Market Postponed: New Date Saturday November 7, 2015



The 3rd annual Fall Fishing/Boating Flea Market, sponsored by the Virginia Beach Angler's Club, will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015 and will be held at Capt. Max King's Marine, 3829 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455.

They're are looking for individuals, clubs or vendors to participate in this event. Potential sale items may include, but are not limited to, salt or fresh water gear, new, used, custom and home-made equipment such as fishing rods, reels, lures, flies, tackle, storage boxes, electric or gas motors, boating gear and electronics. Vendors, clubs or individuals interested in participating contact our event coordinators Bob Stuhlman at 757-474-2747 or Bob Burstein at 267-994-7423.

Angler Interests

ASMFC Tautog Management: Seeking Public Comment and Scheduling Hearing



The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) is seeking public comment on a DRAFT Amendment to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Tautog. The ASMFC's amendment to the Fishery Management Plan responds to the 2015 benchmark stock assessment which evaluated Tautog stock status regionally. Previously the Management Plan managed Tautog on a coastwise basis and the amendment would include biological reference points, such as differences in life history characteristics and harvest patterns, to guide management at the regional level.

Issues for Public Comment:

1. Determining Stock Management Areas. What should the boundaries be for each regional area?

Option 1 (Current Stock Definition)	Option 2 (3 stocks)	Option 3 (3 stocks)	Option 4 (4 stocks)
Single Stock: Massachusetts – North Carolina	1) Massachusetts–Connecticut	1) Massachusetts–Rhode Island	1) Massachusetts–Rhode Island
	2) New York–New Jersey	2) Connecticut–New Jersey	2) Long Island Sound (Connecticut–New York)
	3) Delaware–North Carolina	3) Delaware–North Carolina	3) New York–New Jersey (excluding LIS) 4) Delaware–North Carolina

2. Fishery Management Plan Goals & Objectives: The current goals & objectives are outlined in the Fisheries Management Plan. Should the goals & objectives be revised?

3. Management Measures: Current management measures include; Recreational (minimum size limits, possession limits, and seasonal closures) and Commercial (quotas, gear restrictions, minimum size limits, possession limits, and seasonal closures).

4. Reference Points and Rebuilding Timeframes: Based on the 2015 Stock Assessment, Tautog is Overfished and Overfishing is occurring on a coastwide basis however, the DE-MD-VA-NC stock region is NOT experiencing Overfishing. The DRAFT Amendment will consider new reference points and stock rebuilding timeframes to guide management within regional stock management areas. Do you support the ability to change reference points based on the latest information, support the use of regional reference points?

5. Other Issues:

a. Adaptive management to achieve the goals & objectives; Adaptive management provides the Board with the ability to make timely changes to the management program based on changes to the fishery. An Addendum process typically takes 3-6 months to finalize whereas the Amendment process typically takes 12-16 months.

b. Landings and biological monitoring requirements; The 2015 benchmark stock assessment made a number of monitoring recommendations to improve the understanding of life history and stock dynamics. Biological sampling of commercial and recreational catch, sampling of the smallest and largest fish, improved characteristics of the lengths of released fish, and the development of a comprehensive fishery-independent survey. Do you support increased monitoring to aid in the development of future tautog stock assessments?

c. Illegal fishing and undersized tautog; Is there a demand for undersized (live) tautog in the commercial seafood industry? Should there be a mandated commercial fish tagging program to minimize the unlawful commerce and provide traceability? Should that commercial tagging effort be at the point of harvest or point of sale? Recreationally, Law Enforcement has noted a significant number of hook & line anglers using [undersized] tautog for live bait. Are undersized tautog harvested for recreational live baiting or the live fish market in your state?

Your input early in the amendment process can have a major influence in the final outcome. Written comments can be sent to: Ashton Harp, FMP Coordinator, 1050 N. Highland St., Ste A-N, Arlington, VA 22201 or aharp@asmfc.org. A Public Hearing is scheduled at VMRC Offices on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:00pm, 2600 Washington Ave, 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA.

Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive

A Sea Tow gift collection for the less fortunate in our community this holiday season.

Make a child's holiday a **little brighter**,
bring your un-giftwrapped, new toy to:

Your Monthly Anglers Meeting or
the following locations:

- Sea Tow Hampton Roads
- Boater's Warehouse at Hilltop
- Boater's Warehouse at JANAF
- Bill's Marine - Portsmouth



Donate Today!

Happy Holidays from your friendly elfish Captains!



For more information, you may contact;
SeaTow Hampton Roads at 757-496-1999



For a complete list of Locations to donate visit:
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