



THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB
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Guest Speaker: Stan Simmerman, *Swordfish, Day & Night techniques*

Fishing Reports;

- Little Creek Inlet: Speckled Trout
- Elizabeth River: Red Drum, Bluefish, Gag Grouper, Flounder
- James River: Striped Bass, Black Drum, Flounder, White Perch, Speckled Trout, Houndfish, Lizardfish
- Nansemond River/Chuckatuck Creek: Speckled Trout, Flounder

Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

To all the volunteers who made the Club's Fall Social a wonderful event, **THANK YOU!** Everyone enjoyed the afternoon together and the rainy weather held off until the event was over. Well Done to all.

For as long as many of us have been fishing in Hampton Roads, Anthony Whitehurst of Princess Anne Distributing has been a part of the angling community. Anthony recently retired and will enjoy his well-earned time with his family. We wish him the very best and most heartfelt THANKS for 50 years supporting many generations of anglers.

Will



On The Cover: A photo from Alex Perez of the Virginia Marine Police vessel off the Norfolk International Terminals. This year marks the 150th year the Virginia Marine Police have been safeguarding our natural resources, enforcing federal and state regulations, and promoting public safety.

Meeting

Guest Speaker: Stan Simmerman, *Swordfish - Day & Night fishing techniques*

We're happy to have Stan Simmerman, President of the Peninsula Salt Water Sportfishing Association joining us to share his expertise catching Swordfish.



Important:
October 20th, 2025 at 7:00pm
NAC Meeting at Boil Bay
Seafood City, Norfolk, VA

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Club Calendar

October

Fri, Oct 3rd; Deadline for Public Comments on ASMFC Striped Bass Draft Addendum

Mon, Oct 20th; Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting, Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

Tue, Oct 28th; Virginia Marine Resources Commission meeting, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

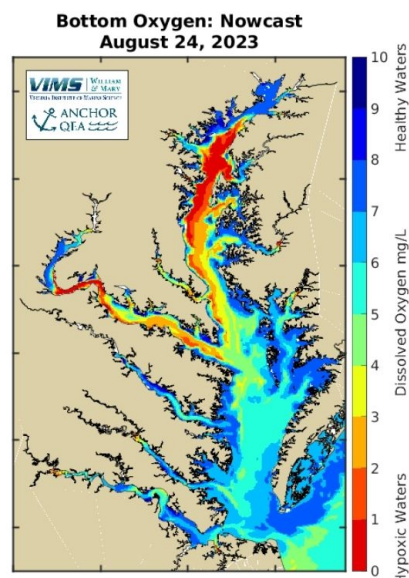
November

Thur, Nov 13th; VMRC Crab Management Advisory Committee (CMAC) Meeting at 4:00pm, 380 Fenwick Rd, Ft Monroe, VA

Mon, Nov 17th; Norfolk Anglers Club Regular Meeting, Boil Bay Seafood City, Norfolk

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<https://www.vims.edu/cbefs/>

Fall Social 2025

We had a great time at the Fall Social with a fantastic spread of steamed Virginia Blue Crabs, Oysters, fried Blue Catfish, Clams, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Low Country Boil and everything that goes with them! The desert table was full of everything you'd want too! You couldn't have asked for a better choice of seafood, friends, and location at the Izaak Walton League Clubhouse along Deep Creek. When you have a chance be sure to thank all the volunteers who made this possible; Mike Hubert, Henry & Mary Troutner, Karen Schrader, Rich Califf, Jere Humphrey, Terry Waters, Alex Perez, and Bill Seemueller.



1 January - 30 September 2025

Freshwater

Species	Name (#Entries)
Crappie	James Eisenhower (8) Bill Seemueller (1)
Largemouth Bass	Bill Seemueller (3) Mike Rheinhart (11)
Chain Pickerel	Bill Seemueller (1) Henry Troutner (1)
Gar	Bill Seemueller (1)
White Perch	Bill Seemueller (5)
Yellow Perch	Bill Seemueller (3)

****Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Saltwater) or Department of Wildlife Resources (Freshwater) Citation paperwork or the Norfolk Anglers Club Prize Fish entry form must be submitted to James "Ike" Eisenhower via email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com

Saltwater

Species	Name (#Entries)
Red Drum	Mary Troutner (2)
Black Drum	Henry Troutner (1) John Curry (1) George Langdon (1)
Sheepshead	Henry Troutner (2) Alex Perez, Sr. (1)
Wahoo	Greg Rogers (1)
Blueline Tilefish	Mike Hubert (3)
Flounder	Bert Sainz (1)
Triggerfish	Jere Humphrey (1)
Golden Tilefish	Wes Waters (1)

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Speckled Trout Club Members Tournament May 1st - November 30th 2025



- This is a Norfolk Anglers Club Members tournament running from May 1st until November 30th
- Targeted Species is Speckled Trout (any length)
- \$10 Entry Fee due *before* fishing
- For fish caught in Virginia and/or North Carolina waters only
- This is a Total Length Tournament Only
- Winner determined by; 1. Total Length of fish, 2. Date of Catch, 3. Date of entry submission
- 1st Place \$50 Gift Card and 2nd Place \$25 Gift Card
- All fishing must be in accordance with State fishing regulations for recreational anglers
- Entries must be submitted via the Norfolk Anglers Prize Fish Entry Form (Available at www.NorfolkAnglersClub.com) and submitted by email to NorfolkAnglersClub@gmail.com

27 SEP: I went fishing on the *Rudee Angler* with several of the guys from Tidewater Anglers Club. It was a surprisingly calm day on the water. Everyone on the boat caught their limit of sea bass with the largest one being 3.56 pounds. Unfortunately, I don't have video proof but I did win the money for largest fish caught in the fish pool. On the way back we got into some dolphin fish but unfortunately, the people fishing for them were unable to land any. All in all, it was a great time! Too bad I wasn't able to make it to the fall social.

- Wes Waters



11 SEP: Cold, wind & rain can't deter the Chuckatuck crew. John Curry, George Langdon & I headed to the mouth of the Chuckatuck on John's boat to check on the bite. Well the bite was very slow. We landed a few small Specks which were tagged & released. We fished minnows & paddle tails.

- Henry Troutner



18 SEP: I was invited to fish with Henry & Mary Troutner and John Curry aboard The Troutner's 20ft Shamrock Sea Duck. We departed the Huntington Park boat ramp in Newport News mid-morning to fish along the James River Bridge for Black Drum. After few days of storms and heavy rain the water was pretty dirty and the James River not so settled. The first fish in the boat was a barely over slot striped bass which was quickly released, followed up by a nice 27" black drum. We kept the first black drum and agreed to tag any others. Mary landed a nice 37" black drum and we tagged and released it. Needless to say we all caught our share of oyster toadfish off the bridge pilings and rocks. It was a great day fishing with my fellow Norfolk Anglers!

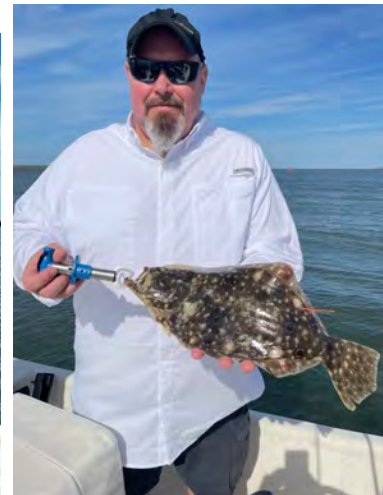
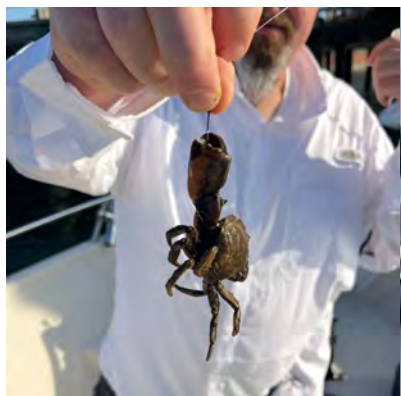
- Will Bransom



30 AUG: I launched from the Willoughby boat ramp and fished the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) island from Fort Wool side to the tunnel project conveyor belts. Using 2.5 inch Gulp minnows or chartreuse curly tail grubs on a 1/8 ounce jig head, I worked the shoreline with only a small Gag Grouper being caught. I decided to make a run into the Elizabeth River, just past the Navy base to Norfolk International Terminals (NIT). With the tide switching to a flood, I worked the pier on the North end of NIT, the rocks by the water treatment plant, and both Piers 1 and 2. Still using the 1/8 ounce jigs, I steadily picked through medium Spot and Croaker, two Red Drum in the 17-18 inch range, and a Bluefish in the mid 20 inch range.

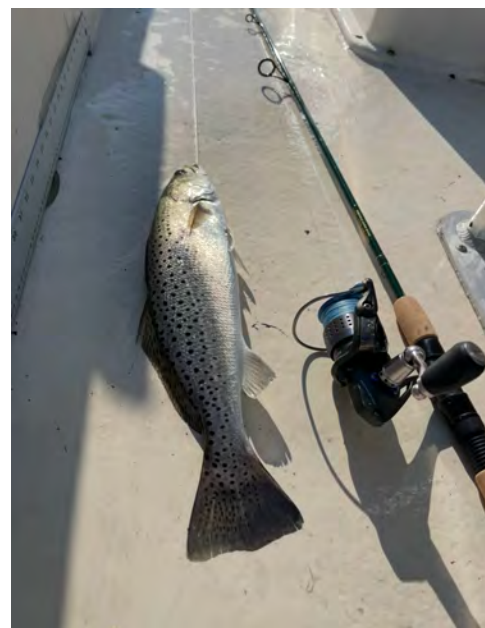


The following day I fished with Dan Moore and returned to NIT to fish the end of the outgoing tide, through slack, and the beginning of the incoming tide. As the flood tide picked up speed, using chartreuse 3 inch Gulp Swimming Mullet on 3/8 inch jig heads, Dan had the hot rod catching Flounder up to 17 inches, just over slot sized Red Drum, and a confirmed small Stone Crab. - Alex Perez



20 SEP: I ran to Norfolk International Terminals (NIT) to break in my brand new 7 foot Bransom Special medium-light rod paired with a Canyon Reels Backwater 2000 reel.

Using 2.5 inch Chartreuse grubs on a 1/8 ounce jig head, I fished the middle of the outgoing tide and caught four Speckled Trout to 19 inches and a Red Drum at 29 inches. All fish were tagged and released for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP). - Alex Perez



3 SEP: John Curry invited Mary & I for an early morning trip up the James River. We left his dock at 6:30AM to catch high tide and fish the shoreline above the JRB. The James River never ceases to amaze me with the verity of fish we catch. Today, using Minnows, Crab and Z-Man paddle tails we caught 3 small Stripers, 4 Flounder, including a 19" keeper, a couple small Specks, a Houndfish, a Lizardfish, White Perch, and a 3' Cow Nose Ray. I've been surprised at the number of Flounder and small Stripers we've caught this year so far up the river.

- Henry Troutner



23 SEP: Bert and I went fishing with Louis in Little Creek for whatever would bite. At the end of the trip, that wasn't much. 2 keeper Speckled Trout and a few small ones were hooked. The current was light and the wind was over 10 mph. But it was great to be out on the water with my fishing buddies.

- Ned Smith



12 SEP: The ugly weather finally broke. Mary, John Curry, George Langdon & I headed out in the Shamrock to the JRB to check on the Black Drum bite. We fished from 9AM to noon, catching the last of the outgoing current and some of the incoming. The first few drops resulted in Toadfish but then the Blacks moved in and took over. Mary hooked the 1st one but it broke off when it ran under the boat. Shortly after that I landed a 34". We continued to hook up with Blacks, all in the 35" range, landing 3 and losing 4 or 5 for one reason or another. We also landed a small Striper. Bait was live crabs. All the Drum were tagged and released. Note: By time a Black Drum is landed it is pretty much totally worn out. When releasing we spend several minutes reviving them, than using a lip clamp keep them in the water tied to the boat until they are kicking to be released.

- Henry Troutner



24 SEP: The Speckled Trout have finally shown up in quantity if not quality. John Curry invited George Langdon & I to fish with him today. We started at the MMBT to see if any Black Drum were around. We struck out there and after an hour we headed up the Nansemond to try for Speckled Trout. We caught a half dozen but the bite was slow and headed in. On the way we made a stop at the mouth of the Chuckatuck. There we ran into a pretty big school of small Specks. We were catching a fish every third cast or so and landed 30+ Specks, 10"-16 1/2". Though small we had our ultra light tackle so lots of fun. Gotta love when they attack a jig 2-3-4 times on the retrieve. We even had a couple Flounder sneak into the bite. All fish caught on plastic jigs and were tagged & released.

- John Curry



8 SEP: The wind just won't give us a break but, David Mitchell (Marty Schriebl's neighbor) has the solution to keep fishing. Dave invited me for a day on the Black Water River in his canoe, which is about as big a boat that will float where we fished. The Black Water runs through thick woods providing cover from the wind and a beautiful land scape. This fresh water paradise holds large numbers of Largemouth Bass, Bowfin, & Bream, with Pickerel, Gar & Catfish making an appearance. We fished casting "Zoom Baby Brush Hogs" on a worm hook behind an 1/8 oz

bullet lead, and a couple different topwater lures & buzz baits and never went more than a couple cast without a strike. We caught 28 fish; mostly Largemouths, about a half dozen Bowfins, a NAC citation Pickerel and a couple Bream.

- Henry Troutner





Please join us in congratulating Anthony Whitehurst on his retirement. After owning Princess Anne Distributing for twenty-five years and working at "The Shop" for over fifty years, he is finally off to enjoy some well-earned time away from the shop with his wonderful wife, Carol. Anthony and his vast knowledge has been a staple in the fishing community for five decades in Virginia Beach. Many remember Anthony working as a mate on various Sportfishing boats while employed at the shop under the original owner, Jimmy Henley. When not charter fishing, Anthony spent his time on the beach or pier chasing king mackerel. We wish Anthony and his family nothing but the best and hope he enjoys every second of retirement. You will still see him in and around the shop, as he will always be part of its legacy.

While Anthony won't be involved in the shop going forward, the new owners and staff remain committed to providing the very best customer service while maintaining competitive pricing and selection. The legacy of one of Virginia's oldest tackle shops remains at the forefront of everyone's focus, and we are dedicated to continuing the culture and atmosphere that Anthony created. Again, please join us in wishing Anthony the very best.

