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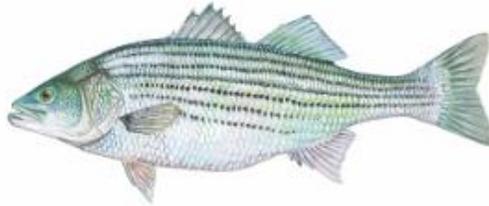
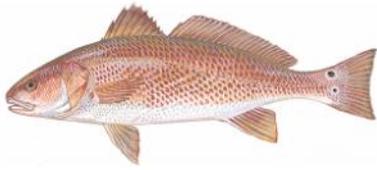
Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Sea Tow Hampton Roads' Stuff-A-Boat Holiday Toy Drive begins at our September meeting. Last year they collected more than 800 new and unwrapped toys for children in Hampton Roads. All toys go to the USMCR Toys-for-Tots campaign. Be generous and bring a toy to the meeting and help make a child's holiday brighter.



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MEETING

Guest Speaker: Eastern Shore Rockfish and Red Drum Fishing with Captain Kenny Louderback, *Fish Freaks Guide Service*

Citation Red Drum are schooling and the Rockfish season will soon follow. For 8 years Captain Louderback has operated Fish Freaks Guide Service on the Eastern Shore targeting big Red Drum and Stripers. Here's a fantastic opportunity to hear from a local Charter Captain on fishing the eastern side of the bay.



Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, September 11th at 7pm

Location:

Teppanyaki Buffet & Grill
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Club Calendar

September

Monday, Sept 11th: Club Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 12th: ASFMC Public Hearing on
Draft Cobia FMP (at VMRC, 6:00pm)

October

Monday, Oct 9th: Club Meeting

Saturday, Oct 21st: Member's Fall Social

Saturday, Oct 28th: Member's 5-Fish
Tournament

Fall Social

Saturday - October 21, 2017
Virginia Beach
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Holiday Toy Drive

Sea Tow Hampton Roads will be collecting New and Unwrapped Toys for their Stuff-A-Boat Holiday Toy Drive at the September meeting.



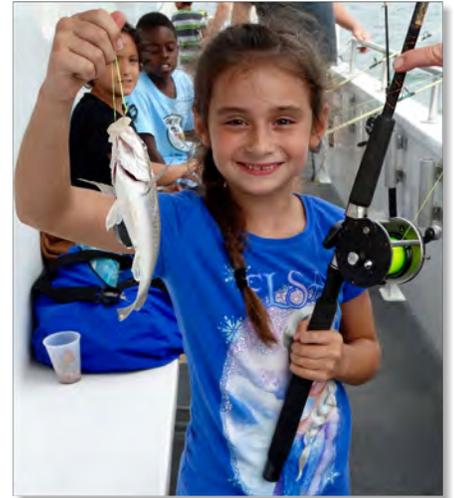
The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign will receive and distribute toys to local children

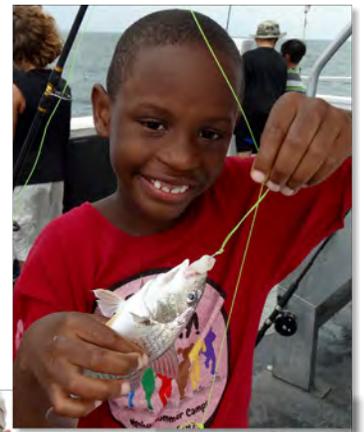
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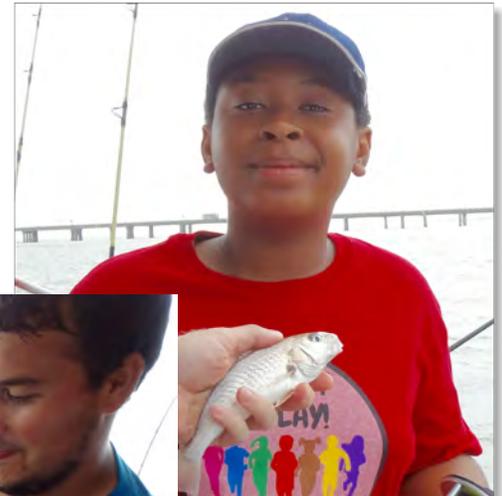
The Norfolk Angler's Club (NAC) sponsored a Head Boat Fishing Trip on the Chesapeake Bay for 50 of the East Ocean View Rec Center summer participants on August 7th. This is the fifth year the club has done this event for the children which is followed by a huge picnic lunch at the REC center. The majority of the funding for this trip was provided through a grant by the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Both Ned Smith and I presented the plan for the Head Boat Trip at their meetings. Over a dozen NAC members joined the children on the Head Boat "Judith Ann" that was provided by Ronnie Boone Jr. and captained by Captain Keith. The NAC members taught the kids the rudiments of fishing and handling of the rod and reel as well as sharing a better understanding of the Chesapeake Bay's abundant resources. The Captain drove the boat to several places to fish. The trip started at the CBBT 1st Island but after limited success the final destination was the 3rd Island of the CBBT. Captain Keith put the young anglers on some quality and higher quantity of Croakers, Roundhead and Grey Trout. Most of the fish such as, black sea bass and croaker, were too small to keep and had to be returned to the sea but that didn't matter to the kids, they just seemed to love to catch fish. Nevertheless several of the young anglers were able to take home about a dozen fish that were of excellent eating size. After the trip NAC members provided a grand lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, mac and cheese, potato salad, chips and drinks for all who attended the trip and others from the Rec Center. Overall this was a wonderfully successful trip despite the rain that cut our trip a little short. Planning has already begun for funding next year's trip.

- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower





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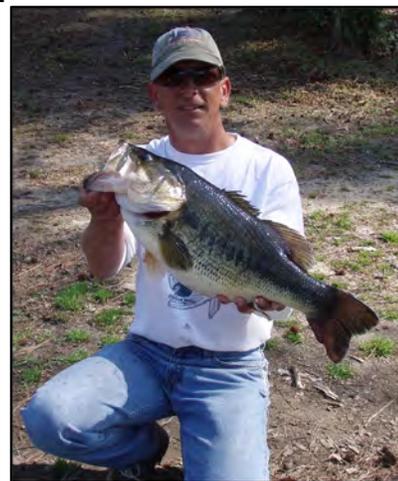
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Freshwater Fishing in Hampton Roads with Kevin Mills:

Freshwater fishing opportunities abound in the Hampton Roads area, there's Lake Mead, Lake Prince, Lake Cohoon to name a few and numerous other rivers and reservoirs. Each accessible any time of the year and not affected by the weather (usually), currents, or tides. How good can our fishing be? Well,... Bass fishing tournaments weigh a bag of 5 fish for a combined weigh. Tournaments in other areas might need a bag in the high teens (17-18 pounds) to win. Recently in our area 7 bags weighed in over 20 pounds with a whopping 25 pound bag to win the tournament!

Bass fishing requires anglers to get to know the area they're targeting the fish and how the fish react during the season. Fish feed differently as water temperature changes as well as before the spawn. In the fall when the water temps are dropping, Bass will display less aggressive feeding behavior. Anglers will need to slow their bait presentation and tempt the fish with an irresistible meal. Water temps 46-47 degrees are ideal conditions. In late winter, their feeding behavior will change in a pre-spawn period. Bass will begin a more aggressive feeding pattern and anglers will have to adjust for that. When the water warms nearing 60 degrees the Bass will begin the spawn if conditions are right and feed less during the spawn (about 2 weeks).



Jerk Baits, Crank Baits, and Jigs are the top three methods to target Bass in the fall and winter months. For Jerk Baits and Crank Bait it's important for anglers to check their lures for the correct presentation. Occasionally they'll not swim correctly or sink like a rock right out of the package. Kevin Mills advises to tune your lure to your style of fishing and presentation. Kevin uses a lead foil suspend strip to balance his Jerk Bait lures and prefers the strip version over the lead dots. "Lead dots if not centered just right on the lure can cause it to not float correctly" he added. He's got two ways to tune Jerk Baits; Perfectly level/not moving at all or as a very slow sinker. Sinking Jerk Baits should sink at a rate of 4-5 feet in about 15-20 seconds. He added 99% of the time he'll use a neutrally buoyant Jerk Bait and fish it fast or slow.

Crank Baits are a great cold water lure for Bass. Lures like the Bomber "Flat A" and SPRO "Little John" have a thin bill which generates a tight waddle action on the retrieve. This is a great technique for Bass winter fishing. To use a Crank Bait effectively anglers should make their cast, reel in slack and use the rod to pull and keep the lure at depth. It's important to stress the action of the rod is used to keep the lure at depth and not the reel.

There are three factors determining the depth a Crank Bait will swim; Design of the bill, Size of the fishing line, and length of the cast. The bill design is the primary factor facilitating diving action of the lure however, line size also affects depth. For example a 12 pound monofilament line might get a lure to 6 feet, the same lure with 17 pound test will only dive to 4 feet. Lastly, a longer cast will allow the lure to drive deeper as it covers more distance on the retrieve.

So then why not use Braided line? Kevin advises NEVER to use braid because its high strength and zero stretch will cause hooks to tear free of the fish. Monofilament line is the only line he recommends for Bass fishing.





Jigs are another great lure to use on winter Bass fishing. Strike King makes the Bitsy Bug lure that features an inverted head and a fiber weedguard to prevent weed snags. Kevin prefers starting off fishing with a heavier jig and adjusts lighter. The Strike King Bitsy Bug comes in 3/16 to 1/4 ounce jig weights. A favorite color is the dark blue/black combination.

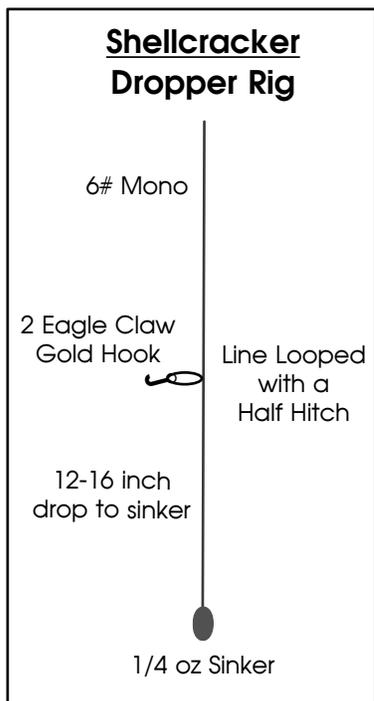
Other jigs incorporating plastic tails work very well on Bass. It's the anglers choice for slim tails (curling tails/worms) or a half of a creature bait (craws/frogs/trailers) but keep in mind slim jig baits will fall faster than those with lots of stuff trailing on them. The "Ned Rig" is another jig option which consists of a jig head paired with a short piece of plastic finesse worm. In warm water anglers want to use more action on the jig and the opposite in colder water.

The Silver Buddy Blade Bait is another jig very effective targeting winter Bass. Its a slim design incorporating a weighted front and double treble hooks. Line attaches at the midpoint along the back. As an angler works the

Silver Buddy it causes a unique flutter or vibration to entice fish to strike. The Silver Buddy can be fished as a vertical jig or cast and worked as a bottom jig.

As with all his lures and jigs, Kevin ties his monofilament directly to the lure. No coastlock swivels, barrel swivels, or lure snaps are used. With few exceptions his monofilament line is 6 pound test. For additional "action" anglers may tie lures using a Loop Knot.

Presentation's been noted a number of times and it's critical to have the lure swimming correctly and at the right depth however, another factor is equally important and that's cadence. Cadence is the pace that entices the fish to strike. It will vary throughout the year depending on water temperature and timing of the spawn. Essentially, cadence is the timing of the lure action, it's the "jerk - jerk - pause" phase whether slow or quick. In cold water Bass fishing Kevin estimates 90% of the strikes will come during the pause.

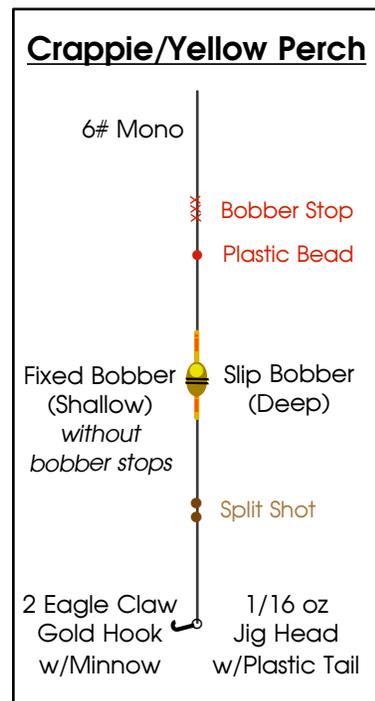


Crappie, Yellow Perch, and Shellcracker

Three other species to target in freshwater are Crappie, Yellow Perch, and Shellcracker. Kevin will target Shellcrackers primarily on the lakes in 7-12 feet of water and occasionally as deep as 15ft. Shellcrackers eat mollusks so look for shell beds and you'll find them. Using a dropper rig, bait Shellcrackers with a Red Wiggler worm or a half Night Crawler. Shellcrackers will provide a great fight year-around.

Crappie and Yellow Perch can be fished with a hook live baited with a minnow or a jig head and a plastic tail. Very light, 1/16 ounce jigs are used and anglers should hook them with a very light hook-set, actually not much of a hook-set but rather a steady pull until hooked.

Bobbers are used to place the bait at the depth the fish are concentrating. For shallow water Kevin prefers using a fixed bobber and for deeper water or areas that have a changing contour a slip bobber and bobber stops.



Fishing Reports...



3 August: Barbara wanted Flounder for dinner so Ike & I went out on a nice morning and caught 2 jigging. It's been a tough year for Flounder! - Louis Glaser



15 July: Julie and I boated this fish on bay side of 9' Shoal, floating live eels about 3' off the surface in 14' water. The water temperature was 82 degrees. We were using the incoming tide on a hot Saturday! - Mark Plweinski



2 August: Mary, my daughter Kaitlin and John Curry from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and I went out to the Triangles on a great day. It was a beautiful day with calm seas. We loaded up on small but fat Black Sea Bass up to 16" and caught a couple Flounder up to 22". - Henry Troutner





2 August: I caught a nice size Spot in Little Creek.
- Jimmy Robinson



4 August: Taylor Lyne and I went Flounder fishing at the CBBT. It was a beautiful day and we had our limit by 2:00 pm!

All of the fish were caught jigging with a piece of cut bait.
- Louis Glaser



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SILVER SALMON FISHING IN NINILCHIK ALASKA

20 August

18 - 26 August: *By far, this was the worst trip ever.* It rained and it was windy every day. We had 2 Halibut trips scheduled. Both started out with heavy rain and wind. We caught 5 Halibut runts that totaled only 22 lbs the first trip. Second trip had 5 ft seas and 25+ mph miles wind. We caught 1 runt Halibut weighting less then 10 lbs. Each individual was allowed a total of 4 Halibut for the whole week. We didn't come close! One day we had a guided trip for small Stream Salmon fishing and caught three Salmon. We were allowed 2 each. Rain swollen streams were not helpful. Very difficult fishing! The next day we did a Kenai River guided Salmon Fishing trip. The River was a parking lot. We spent all day trying to get our limit of two fish per person.



21 August



25 August



We had two days to do whatever we wanted to do so we went Small Stream Salmon Fishing. The first day we caught none. The second day we caught two Salmon. We did not have the secret Salmon Eggs. Store bought Salmon Eggs do not work! The successful fishermen

used their homemade eggs to catch fish. It rained most of the time and swollen rivers made for terrible fishing conditions.

We used spinner baits and lures on fly fishing rods. The last two weeks of August is the rainy season in Alaska! - Jerry Hughes

22 August: We hooked three Salmon right in front of a Rock. Then a Beaver came out of that Stream.



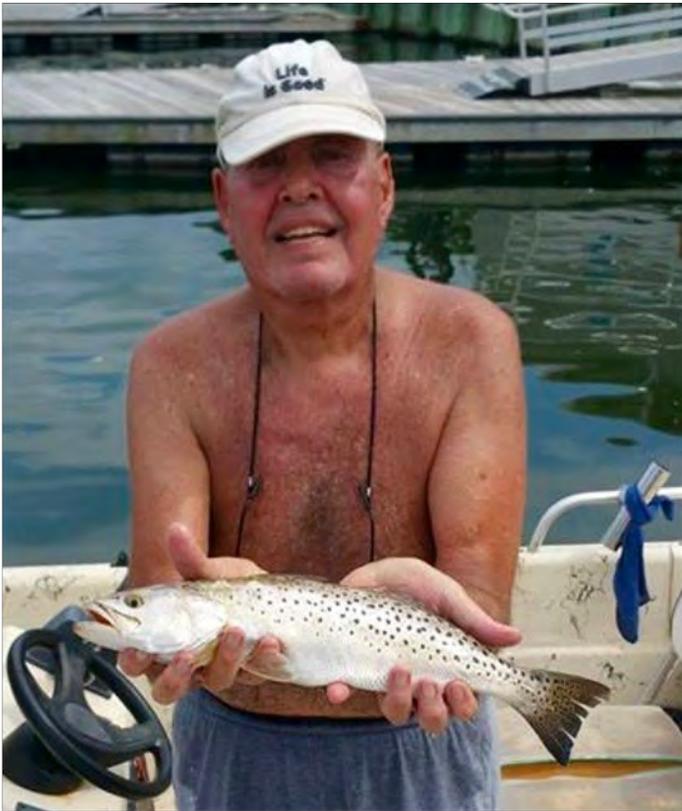
23 August



Moose



15 August: I went out to get dinner for Barbara and caught a 18" Speckled Trout in Pretty Lake. I had 3 throw backs and lost another nice one. They were all caught on 4" curly tail green & 1/4 jig.



While I was cleaning the Speckled Trout, I saw Take Down Charters with Capt Chris Martin & Travis Wall bring in 3 nice Cobia. The biggest was 58 pounds!

Thanks for the cobia belly for flounder bait!
- Louis Glaser



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31 July: Will and I fished with Louis Glaser in the Little Creek and managed to catch three Speckled Trout. This is amazing to do in July. My Speckled Trout was 17 inches and almost tore the rod out of my hand. Louis had a 15 and 13.5 inch trout. Will had small hits but no hook up. We used all kinds of artificials and minnows on bobbers but my Speck was caught on a 4 inch white Gulp and Louis' Specks were on paddle tail rubber bait. It can only get better as the bite is usually in August.

-Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower





25 August: I participated in a Sturgeon Tagging Program on the James River. Matthew Balazik, Ph.D., of the VCU Center for Environmental Studies is conducting extensive research on the Sturgeon population in the James River. We went out with the hope of netting a half dozen

Sturgeons to measure, collecting DNA samples, inserting an electronic chip (similar to the ID chip placed in a dog) and release. The chip is registered as the fish swims past special buoys located all along the coast and thus tracked.



As luck would have it, we actually captured 16 Sturgeons for the research project. I could not believe the size of these fish, 6 to 8 feet long and Dr. Balazik identified them as small males. - Henry Troutner





17 August: I went fishing with Jerry Gaines in Little Creek. I had 1 keeper Red & 1 Speckled Trout. I also had 2 throw back Reds. It was a long day all caught on 4" curly tails. *Without bad days, couldn't have good ones!*
- Louis Glaser



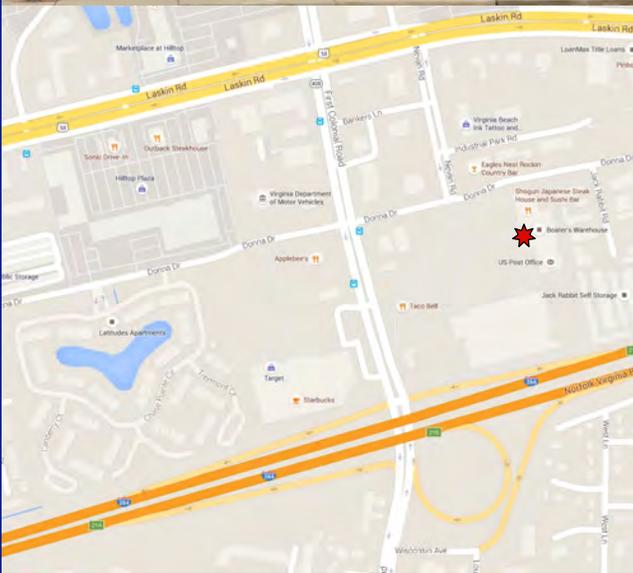
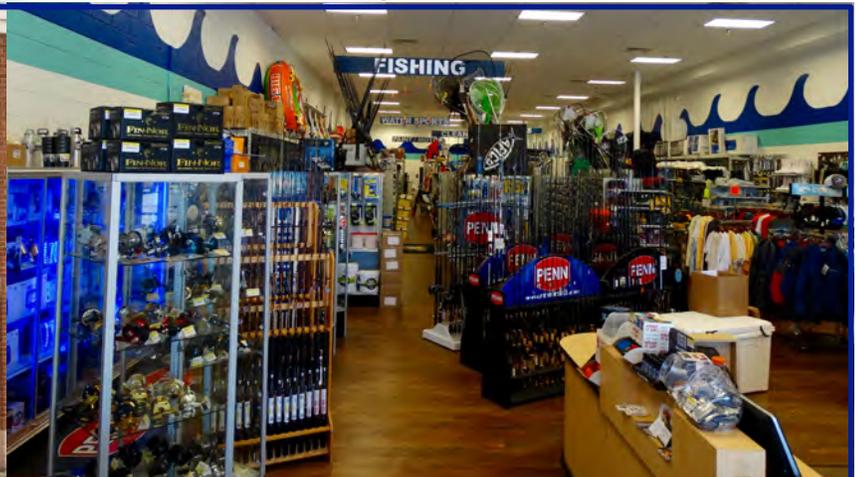
27 August: I fished with friend Rich from Richmond on aboard my boat Black Swan. We went to the light tower and started trolling eastward. It was quite rough, worse than forecasted.

We had 2 knockdowns early but did not come tight about 3 miles east of the light tower. We made it to within a few miles of the triangle wrecks before turning around because of rough seas.

We caught two false Albacore on the way in . Once we passed the tower, we came inshore to the beach and trolled northward in hopes of finding some Spanish Mackerel but caught only 1 small Bluefish. The weather continued to deteriorate throughout the day!

- Jackson B. Salvant Jr., M.D.

30 July: I fished 2 hours on Little Creek with my friend Charles. I wanted dinner tonight, nothing like pressure. IT'S ALL GOOD!



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Sun: 10:00am – 5:00pm



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MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

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26 August: I volunteered Magic Carpet Ride to take some Military Appreciation Day troops out fishing. I was lucky to have Gregg Rogers agree mate for the trip because he is an accomplished bait rigger and familiar with the boat. We had planned to troll for Bluefish and Spanish Mackerel around the 3rd and 4th Islands of the CBBT. My two service members were David Romero and Kyle Busco stationed at Fort Lee. We met at Bay Point Marina at 7:00 am. Kyle and David are great guys and we all immediately liked each other. The laughs and jokes started within minutes of meeting and we all became friends. Kyle brought some homemade beef jerky that was the culinary highlight of the trip. After a safety brief and a boat tour/familiarization we pushed away from the pier.



The wind was east at 10-15 and the water was pretty choppy all day but we were having a great time anyway. I was at the helm and Greg was running the cockpit. We were on the fish within minutes of putting lines in and a



nice Bluefish came along side but spit the hook just as Gregg was pulling it out of the water. We would lose a few more as the day went on but boated more than we lost. David and Kyle did all of the catching and were quickly accustomed to the saltwater gear we were using. We were pulling a new addition to the L. B. Huntington Drone



Spoon line, an "electric series" green spoon with gold flash and flash and a white and red "Bowed up" #1 spoon behind a #1 and a #2 Old Salty planer. The bite was slow



but steady and we were able to boat 12 Bluefish and 2 Spanish by days end. Boat and gear cleanup went quickly and then we headed to the cook out at Willoughby Spit. The food was good and after a quick meal Kyle and David had to drive back to their families at Fort Lee. - Mike Hubert

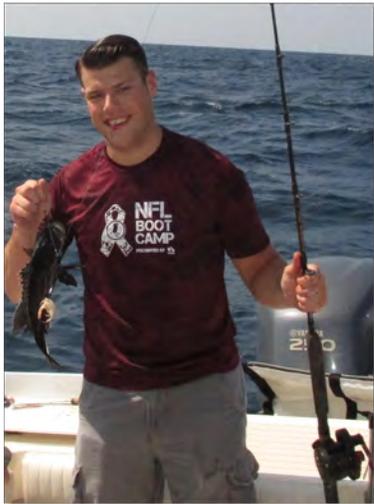
The MAD event was Saturday, August 26. I had 3 soldiers show up; one Navy and a husband & wife both in the Air Force. We started the day drifting for about an hour for Flounder by the 3rd Island. After catching only one Shark we moved and set up a chum slick hoping to attract some Cobia. The sharks were thick and the Cobia scarce. My troops caught about a dozen and every time I suggested changing locations they replied they were having fun catching the sharks. Well that's what it's all about. They were a great group and I'm looking forward to next year's event. - Henry Troutner

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August 26th: The 2017 MAD Tidewater event was absolutely fantastic! The organizers and volunteers ashore did a wonderful job making the process work for everyone participating.

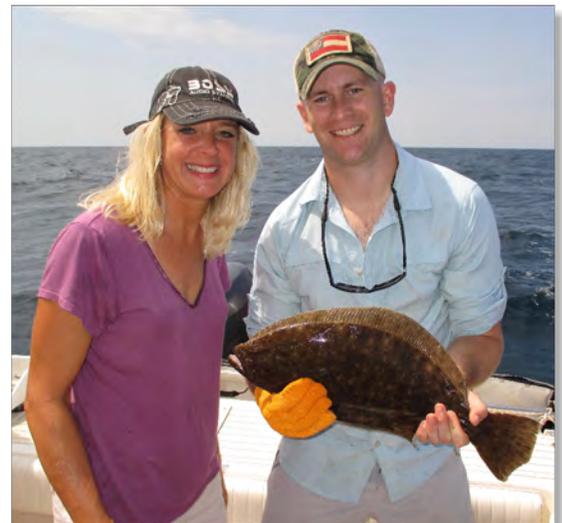
After coordinating with my assigned guests (all Sailors from the Fleet Readiness Center - Mid-Atlantic at Oceana) and my Co-Captain Beth Synowiec, we decided on heading offshore. The plan was to hit the Triangle Reef and put the guys on Black Sea Bass and Flounder before assessing venturing deeper for Tilefish. The ride out was a bit challenging with 2-4 feet seas but the guys were motivated and we were on the fish at 8:00am.

We fished the Liberty Ships, drifting for a few hours before anchoring up on one that aligned with our drift pattern. Thankfully, I had Beth onboard to work with the guys on rigging, baiting, and handling fish. Though we had anglers fishing each corner of the boat, Beth had a watchful eye on every move they made, offering advice and changing rigs. Once we anchored up, I had a chance to give her a break helping the guys. Together we had these guys working the wreck.



Then Beth clued in on Christian Phillips' rod tip advising him to hold off setting the hook but the fish didn't strike again. Once he retrieved his line to check his bait, Beth had him dialed in with a Flounder rig and a large strip bait. The next drop BAM! Christian pulls in the first flat fish of the day. With a bit more coaching, he nails another larger flounder.

We fished until 12:30pm before starting back, catching nearly 50 Sea Bass and taking home almost half of them plus two Flounder.

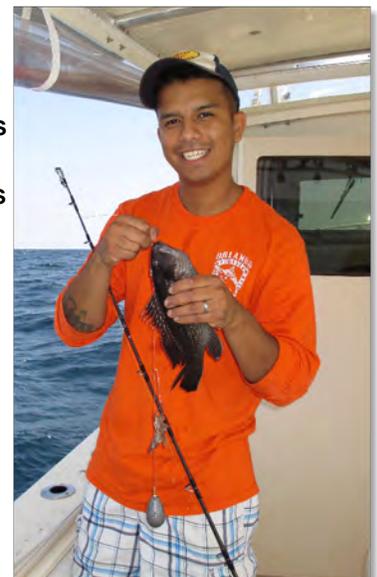


With easterly winds and a following sea the trip back was a nicer ride. As we passed near Cape Henry we stopped at the Chilore (Cape Henry Wreck) for about an hour. The guys landed a few bait sized Croakers and Beth had them hooked on flounder rigs before you could blink. Christian then gets another heavy strike and when it was time Beth gives the call to set the hook. After landing two nice flounder earlier, #3 gave him the slip. Only a few feet short of the boat his large Flounder spit the hook and headed back down to the wreck. Flounder don't get big by getting letting themselves get easily hooked.



Many thanks to our Sailors for their service. We very much appreciate the sacrifices you make daily to our Navy and Nation. It was our pleasure to have Christian Phillips, Esad Avdic, Mitchell Wright and Carlos Lopez aboard *FREEDOM* for a day of offshore fishing.

- Will Bransom





For Military Appreciation Day, I worked as a Mate on Jack Bartell's boat. Despite less than desirable sea state, we managed to get this Senior Chief on some Bluefish. He had to work hard for them in the rough seas. We managed 9 Bluefish and 3 Spanish Mackerel while trolling a mix of Clarkspoons and Bowed Up Spoons behind planers and inline sinkers. The fish were biting on the oceanside of the CBBT between the Second and Third Islands. I set my spread with planers going 40' and 55' behind the boat and the inline going 120' back. It was rough conditions, but the fish did not care. Senior Chief's family will eating well for the Labor Day Cookout!

- Brian Tsai



19 – 20 August: On a weekend getaway to Cherry Point, North Carolina, I went fishing around bridges in Morehead City. I caught this 18-inch Flounder bouncing a Gulp Shrimp on a 1/2 oz jighead behind a bridge piling inside the inlet. Unfortunately, it was the only desirable fish of the trip. - Brian Tsai



25 August: I went with Bert Sainz fishing for Speckled Trout In Little Creek. We caught 5 Specks largest 23 1/2" & 1 Spanish Mackerel 20". The largest fish caught on Mirror Lures.



When fishing we took a picture of water spout toward the 2nd island, *it can make you humble!*
- Louis Glaser



16 August: Bert Sainz and I fished Little Creek and Pretty Lake for Speckled Trout, Pups, and Rockfish. It was early in the season, especially for Specks, but we had to test the waters. We worked the last of the incoming tide and the start of the outgoing. Water was clear, wind was 15 mph out of the northeast, and the temperature was 80 degrees. Pretty Lake was

protected but the wind was blowing straight down the the creek. We caught 3 Speckled Trout (26.5, 22, 17 inch) and a Ribbon fish in 3 hours of fishing. Two more Specks were hooked but got off at the boat. We used quarter oz. jig heads and 4 inch green curly tails. We fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. - Ned Smith



22 August: I fished with Louis Glaser in the Little Creek. We ended up with one 14.5" Speckled Trout, one lost at the net and a ribbon fish caught, which was the only picture we took. All released. Water was 85 degrees. Hoping the cold front will lower the water temp and turns on fish. All caught on white Gulp 4" mullet on lead head jigs.



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24 August: I went back out and tried again for trout in the Little Creek. This time I caught a 17.5" Speckled Trout and also 2 throw backs. The water was 83 degrees. I used the Gulp jig again but we tried MirrOlures also to no avail.

25 August: I took Rob Stummel out with me in my Tracker Super glide 14 lake boat to the Lynnhaven looking for Spot and Puppy Drum.

We delayed launching until 11:00 am because of a rain squall that we later found out produced a water spout.

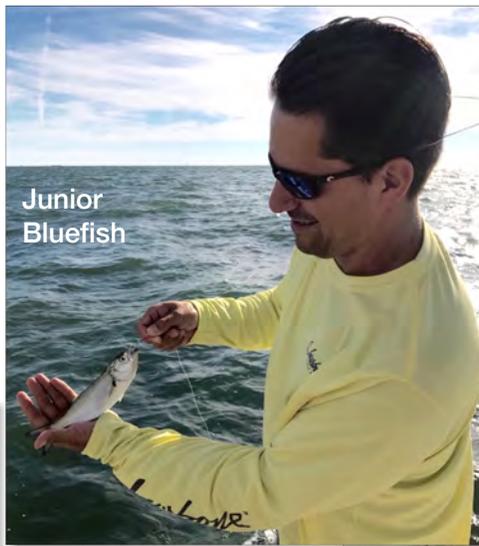
We caught a couple of Spot at the tennis courts but they just didn't seem to be around in quantity. I tried all my usual spots for Puppy Drum as the tide was peaking at 1:30 pm.

We were skunked on puppies but Rob did catch 4 eating sized Croakers on cut mullet. I was using MR 17 and gulp swim tails on a jig.

- Dr. James W. "Ike" Eisenhower



31 July: My friend Bill and I went sight fishing along the CBBT and off the third island using jigs and live eels in search of Cobia. We saw a few smaller fish and caught three with my fish being the largest at 44.5 inches, caught on an eel. We tried Spadefishing on the pilings afterwards, for about an hour, with not much action.



Junior Bluefish

2 August: I was invited to join my friends Ken and Steve to fish the Norfolk Canyon. They both live on the Eastern Shore so I drove over and we headed east out of Oyster, VA. Getting to the canyon we found the water temperature at 72.9 degrees. We trolled teasers and ballyhoo for awhile and found a very

The two responsible for me loving fishing the way I do, Mom and Dad.



My 44.5 inch Cobia



AJ and his 47 inch Cobia

quiet ocean. Other boats were reporting only seeing a White Marlin and catching a few Blueline Tilefish. After three hours we ran to 26 Mile Hill to find slightly warmer water (74 degrees), but still found conditions very quiet.



A proud Dad and his crew!

With Summer coming to an end and school starting soon, my parents drove from Palm Beach, Florida to return AJ back to me from his Summer of being spoiled down there. They only stayed the weekend before driving back but I managed to sneak them out of Rudee Inlet on August 7th for a little inshore trolling. We managed a couple of very small Bluefish before the wind picked up too much to keep it comfortable. So our fishing trip turned into an enjoyable inland boat ride!

- Alex Perez





3 August: I took Gregg Rogers and John Ghetty to the Chesapeake light tower to troll for Spanish and King Mackerel on Magic Carpet Ride. I'd gotten some new L. B. Huntington Drone spoons in electric green with gold flash I wanted to try out. If that didn't pan out we were going to fish for Spadefish and maybe some bottom fish at tower reef area or the Santori Wreck.



We left the dock at 8:00 am and by 9:20 am we had baits in the water. We were pulling the drones, a white and red #1 "bowed up" and 2 ballyhoo that Gregg rigged. We trolled for about 2 hours without a single knock down on any of the baits and only a bite out of the Hoo that didn't even cut it in half.



We did see some Spadefish near the tower and we agreed that Spadefish fishing was next. We caught fish right away and loaded the cooler with a limit. None were real big but they are a lot of fun to catch. After that we went back to trolling but still didn't have any luck.

We stopped by the Cape Henry Wreck on the way home but only managed 1 small Croaker and an even smaller Sea Bass.

It was a lot of fun and we all caught fish!

- Mike Hubert

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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.

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.

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) scheduled Public Hearings on DRAFT Fishery Management Plan for Cobia



The Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission (ASMFC) has scheduled a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 12th at 6:00pm. The Hearing is at the Virginia Marine Resource Commission 4th Floor Conference Room 2600 Washington Ave, Newport News, VA.

The Draft Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Cobia is an effort to shift management of the Atlantic Cobia Stock from the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) with an intent to implement state-specific recreational allocations for all Atlantic states, except Florida.

In 2014 more than half of the Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia Stock Annual Catch Limit (ACL) was removed and given to a newly created East Florida Management Zone. "State-specific recreational allocations" for Georgia through New York based on less than half of the original Atlantic Cobia ACL will have significant negative impacts to Virginia and North Carolina, who make up the greatest portion of the recreational Cobia harvest.

Anglers are encouraged to attend the ASMFC Public Hearing and voice their opinion or provide your written comments to ASMFC. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM (EST) on October 6, 2017 and should be forwarded to Louis Daniel, FMP Coordinator, 1050 N. Highland St, Suite A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741 (FAX) or at comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: Draft Cobia FMP)

The DRAFT Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia is available at ; http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/DraftCobiaFMP_PublicComment_Aug2017.pdf

Reminder: Permit Holders - Report your participation in the Cobia Season



Virginia Cobia Season ends on September 15th and requires reporting your participation in the season if you had a Cobia Landing Permit. The season ran June 1st to September 15th and required either an Individual or Vessel Recreational Cobia Permit. This was the first year for mandatory reporting. Failure report your participation, **even if you didn't fish** for Cobia during the season, may prevent you from getting a permit in the future.

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