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# THE NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB

# WIRELINE

JUNE 2015



NORFOLK ANGLERS CLUB  
HUNT FOR THE HARDHEADS 2015

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# Leadership Notes...

Fellow Norfolk Anglers,

Lots of Fishing Reports in this Wireline edition, as well as some fantastic Fishing Tips from last month's speaker Captain Travis Wall with Tight Grip Sport Fishing.

We've got a great opportunity to fish with one of the best Charter Captains on the Bay, Captain Austin Hayne of FINAO Sportfishing. Captain Hayne is offering up a one day single person walk-on Cobia Charter for the Club. Raffle tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the June & July meetings. Austin will join us for the July meeting to talk Cobia fishing and will pick the winning raffle ticket at the end of the evening. You really don't want to miss an opportunity to fish Cobia with Captain Hayne and his crew.

I hope to see you at the June 8th meeting

Will

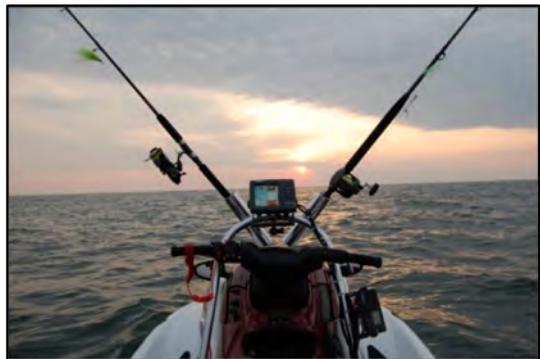


## MEETING

### Guest Speaker : *Brian Lockwood aka Jet Ski Brian*

Nearly all of our membership have seen Jet Ski Brian in the Chesapeake fishing from his specially outfitted Yamaha Jet Ski, we've admired his phenomenal wildlife photographs, and enjoyed his descriptive fishing reports. Here's your opportunity to meet Brian and hear about his open water adventures first hand.

We're very fortunate to have Brian Lockwood joining us on June 8th to share his experiences in Jet Ski Fishing, Photography, and exploring the Chesapeake atop his Personal Watercraft!



### Important:

Date of next meeting - Monday, June 8th at 7 pm

### Location:

Teppanyaki Grill & Buffet - 7525 Tidewater Dr, Norfolk

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**Win a  
Cobia Walk-On Fishing Trip  
with  
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FINAO Sportfishing Charters**



- \$5 Tickets available at the Norfolk Anglers Club Meeting
- Drawing to be held at the July 2105 Club Meeting.
- Winning ticket gets Winner a single trip, 1 Day walk-on Cobia charter.
- Scheduling the trip is with FINAO Sportfishing Charters.
- Mate's Tip is NOT included.
- Don't need to be present to win.
- Tickets must have Name & Contact Number printed on the Raffle Ticket.



Hurricane Season starts June 1st... Are You Ready?



The Weather Network 2015 Tropical Storm Names

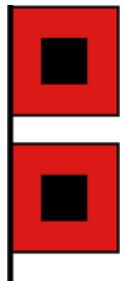
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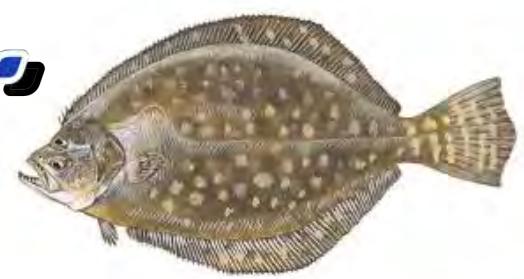


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# Fishing Tips...



## Fishing for Doormats:

Captain Travis Wall, Tight Grip Sport Fishing Charters

Charter Captains all have their preferences when it comes to fishing for doormats. Having a couple of "go to" rig selections for different conditions/locations, consistency with proper presentation, and the right rod/reel setup is the right combination for consistently landing big flounder.

Captain Wall shard three principle rigs for fishing flounder, a dual jig, single jig, and a dropper rig. With flounder, jigging allows the angler to cover more ground to locate the fish, Capt Wall advises. Jigging presents a more lively bait profile that induces a flounder's natural instinct to strike. The "Inlet Flounder Killer" rig (dual jig) is his preference fishing protected waters like Lynnhaven Inlet. It consists of two 1/2 once jigs tied to a barrel swivel with mono lengths of 1 ft and 2 feet. On the Jig Head is a Chartreuse 4 inch artificial Swimming Mullet (Gulp).

Around the bay you'll need a heavier Jig Head (1 1/2oz) and look for Stainless Steel or Nickel Plated Hooks for durability. Tied to a barrel swivel, there's a single 18 inch drop using 50# mono to the larger Jig. Both Jigging rigs

are worked similarly by popping it up off the bottom about 1-2 feet and allowing it to settle back down before jigging it up again. This quick motion draws attention to the bait and encourages a flounder to strike.

The third rig is a common dropper rig coming off a 3-way swivel with a 10 inch drop to a sinker and a 3 ft mono leader to a 3/0 Kahle hook. The dropper rig is fished differently than the jigging. The dropper rig is rigged with a piece of strip bait bounced off the bottom during the drift. Selection of your weight depends largely on the drift. You want to go as light as possible but still hold bottom.

Anglers will want to start out fishing flounder in natural areas where the water moves, such as around channel areas and oyster beds. Exercise caution around the oyster beds though. They're sensitive areas, get shallow quickly, and will make nasty work of your gelcoat if you're not paying attention.

Flounder are ambush feeders, they prefer the bait fish swim to them and settle in areas around pilings, bends in the channel, and grass lines to await their prey. Jigging is a very productive method to cover the area and locate the fish. Once on them Captain Wall advises "If you have fish, even on a slow bite, don't leave fish to find more". Often the bite will slow at the tidal change so, wait it out and fish the turn. The bite will come back!



When choosing a rod reel setup, Capt Wall recommends a good stiff backbone to the rod and no flimsy tip action. You'll want a rod that's lightweight yet powerful enough to work the heavier jig heads and set the hook. He prefers the 6'6" Shimano Trevala Jigging rod (TVS66MH) with medium-heavy power paired with the Shimano Sahara series Spinning reels. When you're consistently jigging for flounder the rod and reel take a lot of abuse and must be well made and maintained. Many spinning reels aren't designed for jigging and don't have the gears and bearings that can stand up over time. Other good choices are the Penn Spinfisher and Daiwa Saltist Spinning reels.



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# Fishing Tips...

## Bay Fishing: Stalking Cobia

Captain Travis Wall, Tight Grip Sport Fishing Charters



**Where & When to find them:** Early season Cobia can be found around the Chesapeake bay entrance, channel the buoys and bridge pilings. July and August are prime times to stalk big Cobia in the Bay. Late in the season you'll often find Cobia in packs and sometimes find them around schools of rays.

Fishing Cobia off structure, like pilings or buoys, requires the angler to maneuver the boat in a way to get the fish off & away from the structure as soon as the hook is set. Cobia often hug the structure, it provides them with prey and cover when threatened. A Cobia takes no time to shoot through the pilings or take a wrap around a buoy chain resulting in a break off. Maintain a distance that you can confidently sight cast ahead of the fish and then work the bait to get their attention. Once your bait hits the water allow it to fall for a few seconds, perhaps 10 seconds before starting to use the jig.

**Jigs & Live Baiting:** When it comes to jigs, Captain Wall prefers Red w/Chartreuse or Black w/Pink tail jigs. Meathog Jigs and Bowed Up Lure Jigs with tails 6-8 inches in length are the ticket. He also likes to tip the bucktail jig with a small piece of cut bait to put scent in the water. The combination of fresh bait, contrasting bucktail colors, and jigging can make the presentation irresistible to the Cobia.

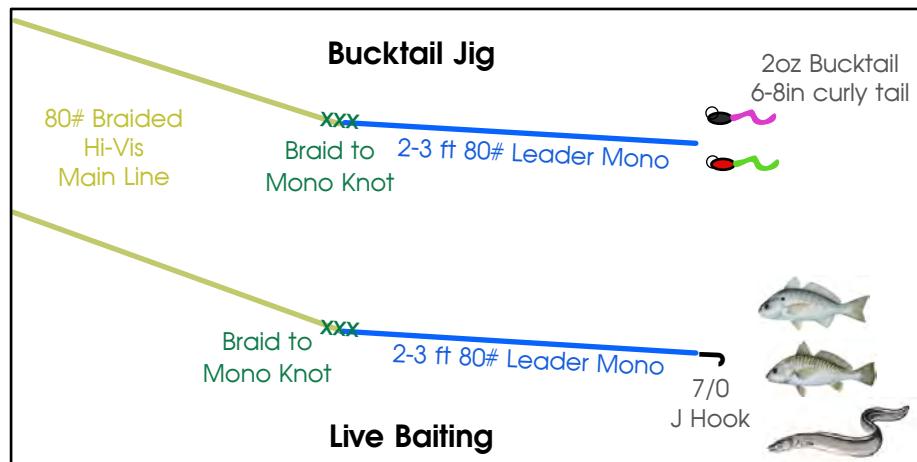
Live baiting using Spot, Croaker, and Eels is another option. Capt Wall favors 4-5 inch Croaker over Spot because Croakers are longer lasting than Spot, however, both work fine. Eels (12-15 inch) are another great choice for live baiting. Tight Grip Sport Fishing uses 7/0 J-Hooks and hooks the bait up through the chin. Attached with a Braid to Mono knot, (Uni or Albright) he uses a 2-3 ft 80# mono leader to the hook. The main line is 80# braid and Capt Wall prefers the Hi-Vis yellow over the dark green. It's just easier to see and unknot when it happens, he advises. Fluorocarbon leader really isn't needed for Cobia fishing.



**Rods & Reels:** For fishing Cobia you're looking for a rod that's got a heavy action but flexible tip. Capt Wall uses a 7' Shimano Teramar Inshore Series Spinning Rod paired with a Shimano Spheros 6000FS. The flexible tip on the rod equals constant pressure on the Cobia as you're fighting the fish. It's also important not to set too tight a drag. Let the Cobia tire out before getting it alongside for landing.



**Other Tips:** A good pair of Polarizing Sunglasses are a must for locating Cobia on a sunny day. And, while Dolphin are nice to see, you'll usually not find Cobia in the same area.



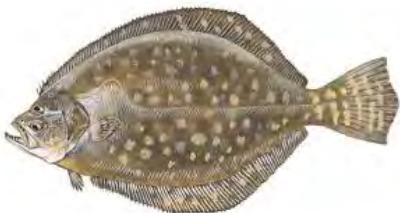
# Fishing Reports...



18 MAY 15: Jimmy Robinson and I went fishing on the Lynnhaven during the last two hours of the incoming and first hour of outgoing tides. We caught our limit of flounder (18 - 21.5") and 6 - 8 throwbacks. We used bottom rigs with a gudgeon and a four inch piece of last year's salted flounder belly. Weather was great and fishing even better!  
- Ned Smith



15 MAY 15: First keeper in Lynnhaven. Double limit plus 4 shorts (Tagged & Released)  
- Jim Robinson



28 May: I found these Flounders in the Lynnhaven. They ranged from 18 to 22 inches. I caught them in a 45 minute time frame on a tide change while power drifting. Fished 2 hours before locating them. I was also looking for puppy drum, but so far I have been unsuccessful with them in the Lynnhaven. Last year at this time they were biting good. Hope they show up soon.  
- Jim Robinson

## 9 MAY: Hunt for the Hardheads Club Challenge

With very foggy conditions along the coast two Norfolk Anglers got underway from Little Creek inlet in dense fog. Stopping first at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and Willoughby Spit before moving on to the Monitor Merrimack Bridge Tunnel. Another group departed from Lafayette River, all in search of *The Hardheads*; Croaker, Flounder, and Bluefish. What a way to start the day, in the thick fog or catching Schoolie Stripers in the Lafayette! Plenty of Croaker (9-11.5 inches) were caught and a single Flounder (Michel Smith) and Bluefish (Nora Chivers) during the morning. The club took third overall and enjoyed the picnic put on by the Great Bridge Fishing Association (last year's and this years winners). Thanks to our fishing teams; Marvin & Nora Chivers on *Sweet Nora*, Louis Glaser, Dr Ike, and Jimmy Robinson on *Hooked Up*, Will Bransom, Henry Troutner, Gene Bliss, Ned & Michel Smith on *Freedom*, and Richard Lewis, Ben Capps, and Kelly "Corn Bread" Godfrey in their May-Craft.

- Will Bransom

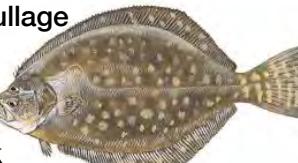


15 May: *Lynnhaven Flounder*; It's hard to match the pullage a pissed off Cownose Ray can give you when you're Flounder fishing. Kind of takes off like a freight train, going where it wants as you work the drag. In the end you get your jig back (hopefully) and release the Ray back into the Lynnhaven River. Caleb, Louis and I headed out in Louis' Carolina Skiff to Lynnhaven Inlet to fish for Flounder. Caleb (Oceans East) took the honors as the fishing was slow, he boated two 18 inch Flounders using jigs tipped with cut bait. Me?, I got the Cownose Ray.



We also passed fellow Norfolk Angler Jimmy Robinson and his Mako17 in Long Creek as we motored up to *Oceans East on the Creek* for fuel.

- Will Bransom



Jimmy Robinson

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14 May: Beth Synowiec and I fished the incoming current in the late afternoon south of Fisherman Island. We caught our first fish about 3:15 pm and had a steady bite until just after 7 pm. We caught 8 black drum, 4 each with the biggest for both of us just under 46 inches. Seven of the fish we tagged and released for the VA Saltwater Tagging Program. Beth kept one of the smaller ones for dinner.

- Wes Blow



Toggin this year had been nothing less than great for me. I had caught my personal best tog of 16 pounds on JAN 20th and then beat that on APR 5th with one weighing 18 pounds 13 ounces. I had other people this year fish with me that caught their personal best tog also. Kenneth Westerfeld from NY that caught the new world record 28.8 pounds tog on JAN 2 came down to fish with me mid APR and caught his second biggest tog ever at 17 pounds 13 ounces. *As good a year as it had been so far what happens next was amazing!*



29 April: Beth Synowiec and I headed out early in the morning with unusually calm conditions for my last tog trip of the season. We made a quick stop for cod and Beth caught one immediately and I lost a decent size one. As tempting as it was to stay I had tog on my mind and headed on to the tog spot. We arrived and made several passes to figure out the drift to get the anchor set right. We dropped the anchor and stayed on that spot all day. I caught the first tog of the day within a few minutes. This fish was one of our smaller fish of the day at 25.5 inches. Then after that we both just start catching inconceivable size togs. I know for people up north where tog fishing is a much bigger deal. A lifetime goal for many is to catch a double digit weight tog. Beth proceeded to catch 6 double digit togs this epic day of fishing with one catch being her personal best. This fish was a fascinating looking male at 16 pounds 15 ounces that she later had Rob Choi make a wonderful print of. The final tally for the day was a total of 11 togs. Six we weighed in for VA citations, 3 for each of us that were between 16 pounds 1 ounce to 17 pounds 10 ounces. The six fish stringer was a total weight of 101.31 pounds for an average weight of 16.9 pounds. We had 4 release citations that were all females from 24 inches to 26.5 inches. On all the fish we collected DNA samples for a VIMS research program. The released fish were all tagged for the Virginia tagging program and the carcasses were donated to the Virginia Recreational Assessment Program for research. *This was truly a trip of a lifetime that we both will always remember! - Wes Blow*

## 29 May: Offshore Deep Dropping;

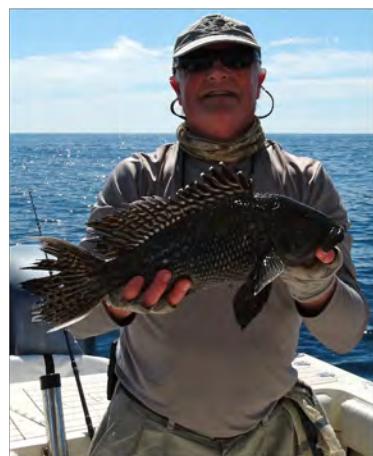
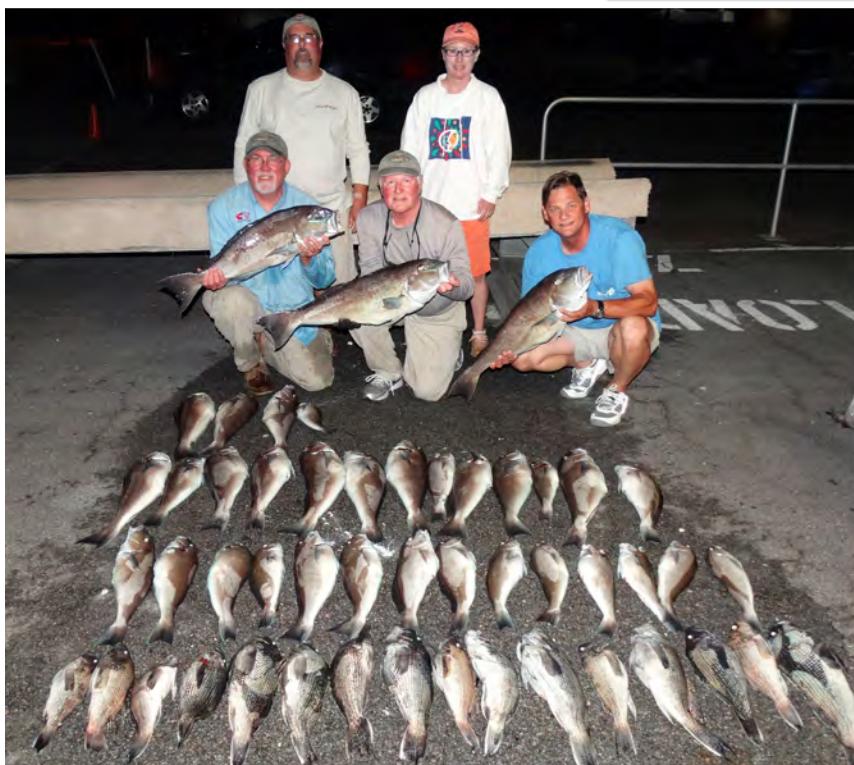
With fellow Norfolk Anglers; Bert Sainz, Ned Smith, Dr. Ike,

Will Bransom, and myself onboard our Parker 2820 we left

Vinings Landing Marine Center around 0730 and with light winds and calm seas and made it out to an offshore wreck for Black Sea Bass in about 2 hours. Along the way we saw Sunfish on the surface, a Hammerhead Shark, and Trigger Fish hanging around some floating debris. On the wreck we used a double bottom rig with cut squid and landed 19 Sea Bass before moving over to the Norfolk Canyon when the bite slowed.

Fishing in 300 ft we targeted Blueline Tilefish with cut Boston Mackerel, Squid, and fresh Shrimp but the Squid is all they wanted. We caught a five person limit of 35 Blueline Tiles, including three citations! Dr Ike took top honors with a 12.9 pound citation and even managed to pull in double hookups on 8 pound class Bluelines TWICE! With the fish box nearly full we headed back to port after another beautiful day offshore.

- Wendy Bransom



## 16 May: Not bad for Sea Bass Fishing....

Mike Delbridge fishing off the *Country Girl* out of Oregon Inlet for Sea Bass couldn't resist tossing a lure to three Dolphin that just happened to swim by the boat. Mike hooked into the larger of the three and landed this 22 lb. 42 inch Dolphin. He did fine on the Black Sea Bass too...



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## Visit Our Club Website!

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Norfolk Anglers Club website. It features a banner with the club's name, a calendar entry for "Sunday March 01, 2015", and sections for "CONTACT US", "MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION", and "CLUB LEADERSHIP". Below the banner, there are images of fishing lures and a link to the club's Facebook page.

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take Boating...*

The graphic features the "SEA TOW" logo and the "Vessel Safety Check" logo, both associated with boating safety and services.

# CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK FRIENDS FISHING REPORTS & INFO

May 4 at 6:49pm

**Austin DuBois:**  
Limits on Blues  
on the Virginia  
Beach Pier.



May 4 at 8:42pm **Austin DuBois:** Gallon full!

May 10 at 10:35am **Norfolk Anglers Club:** Thanks to all the NAC Members who got underway yesterday for the Hunt for Hardheads Club Challenge! Everyone had a great time!



May 10 at 12:52pm **Craig Miles:** "Club Parker"

May 14 at 5:25pm **Austin DuBois:** Angler KILLED the Goldens and Bluelines up to 22 lbs.

May 18 at 6:07pm **Patrick Berry:** Didn't fish but saw a lot of blues crushing bait at little creek.

May 20 at 7:26pm **Austin DuBois:** Cobia are showing up

May 21 at 3:32pm **Patrick Berry:** I plan on hitting the cbbt and maybe the Chesapeake lighthouse this weekend. Who else is going out?

May 22 at 5:55pm **Austin DuBois:** First Spanish caught today!

May 27 at 9:52am **Austin DuBois:** Loads of drum on the oceanfront

May 27 7:30am **13NewsNow (WVEC):** NOAA has released hurricane season forecast:

<http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2015/20150527-noaa-hurricane-outlook-below-normal-atlantic-hurricane-season-is-likely-this-year.html>



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27 May at 10:52am **Captain Greg Weaver** from E-Fishin Sea Sport Charters:

Over the holiday weekend we got out, nice at first but then the wind just followed us. We were able to pick up a few very large Red Drum off the ocean front 40-50 pound class caught on buck tails. After the Reds disappeared we ran into some Cobia off the Ramada, no takers though. The following day we ran out with some live eels, right off the bat we cast to a Cobia, he turned his nose up at it and continued swimming, couldn't believe it. Next we threw to a group of three Cobia and this time it was game on! The Cobia spot our eel after pulling 20 yards off. Several other Cobia seen but we just couldn't put it together in the short time before the seas blew up on us. Ocean needs to lay down and things should pick up.



27 May at 3:24pm **NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research:** Take a virtual trip through the deepwater habitats of the massive Atlantic Canyons, 100 miles offshore of Virginia and Maryland: <http://www.boem.gov/Atlantic-Canyons-Pathways-to-the-Abyss/> The video highlights work that was supported through an interagency partnership between the NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, and U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).



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# Maintenance Matters....

*"Pay me now or pay me later"*

Preventive maintenance, by far, is cheaper than the alternative...corrective maintenance. With the fishing season heating up it's a good time to think about a few simple preventive maintenance actions that when done NOW can save you time *and* money later.

Each outboard manufacturer has developed preventive maintenance checks that are designed to keep your motor running for years, thousands of hours. Most of these checks require simple hand tools and can be accomplished by an owner with little maintenance experience. If questions arise you can always consult the dealership where you purchased your motor or a marine mechanic. Consult your Operating Manual or Service Manual for what should be done and when.

## Care and Feeding of your Lower Unit

Let's face it, it takes a lot of abuse. From "Granny Shifting" (That ratcheting shift noise before the klunk) because of slowly engaging the shift lever, to all the fishing line you're collecting on the shaft, or the incorrect grease you've used the year prior, or the gear lube that hasn't been changed well, since you bought the boat.

Your lower unit should get some TLC every year or 100 hours of operation, per most outboard manufacturers recommendations. In fact, it ought to get a little more during the season.

- Grease ain't just Grease: Marine Grease is formulated with special additives to maximize lubrication, resist corrosion, and not breakdown in water. Using a quality Marine Grease to lubricate the propeller shaft and lubrication points will insure everything gets the lubrication it requires.
- Gear Lube is just SAE90 Lube Right?: Marine Gear Lube has additives that will protect the gear drive system within the lower unit, prevents corrosion, minimizes wear, and probably most important, IF water gets in it will emulsify and continue to provide lubrication. Regular "Automotive" Gear Oil doesn't do that. Outboard manufacturers will specify which of their products to use; Mercury Premium? or High Performance? Many of these can't be mixed so make sure you're using the right stuff. There IS a big difference between Marine and Automotive lubricants.
- Lower Unit Drain plug's got metal on it: Well that depends...a little metal "fuzz" is okay (normal wear), however, metal chips, chunks, whole gear parts, slivers is not a good thing. If you see anything other than metal fuzz, save the oil sample if you can and get a qualified marine mechanic to inspect the lower unit.
- "I found out where my fishing line went": Yep, a lower unit can spool you as fast as one of those Big-Eye Tunas Mike Avery catches offshore. It's important to remove as much line as possible after it happens. When you get back remove the propeller and get the rest off. Braid and Mono will work it's way down the shaft and damage the two oil seals over time. Worse, it will allow water in the gear casing and that can start the corrosion working on the gears, that means lots of money for corrective maintenance!



# ANGLER INTERESTS

## Norfolk Anglers Club Canned Food Drive



The Norfolk Anglers Club is continuing our Canned Food Drive. So, please bring a non-perishable food item to the next meeting. We've got a labeled box at the entrance of the Banquet Room to collect your donation. When you donate you get a free raffle ticket to the evening's drawing.

## Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission: Tautog Management Initiatives



May 7, 2015: The ASMFC approved the development of an amendment to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Tautog. The amendment will explore the establishment of new regional stock areas and associated reference points. The amendment will propose two options for regional stock boundaries, each with three regional stock units. The first option will include the following regions: Massachusetts to Rhode Island, Connecticut to New Jersey, and Delaware to North Carolina. The second option will include Massachusetts to Connecticut, New York to New Jersey, and Delaware to North Carolina.

The regional options are based on the findings and recommendations of the 2015 Tautog Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report. Unlike previous assessments, which assessed the stock on a coastwide basis, the 2015 assessment evaluated stock status regionally to reflect differences in life history characteristics and harvest patterns. The three-region approach balances a smaller geographical scale and data integrity while also reducing the risk of overfishing.

## Blueline Tilefish Scoping Hearings: June 17, 2015 (Virginia Beach)



The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold five scoping hearings in June 2015 to gather public comments related to initiating management of blueline tilefish in the Mid-Atlantic. Scoping is the first and best opportunity for members of the public to raise concerns related to the scope of issues that will be addressed. The Council needs your input early in the amendment development process to help ensure that issues of public concern are addressed in a thorough and appropriate manner.

### Scoping Schedule

1. Monday June 1, 2015, 6:00 pm. Hyatt Place Long Island/East End. 451 E Main St, Riverhead, NY 11901. Telephone: (631) 208-0002
2. Tuesday June 2, 2015, 6:00 pm. Congress Hall Hotel. 251 Beach Ave, Cape May, NJ 08204. Telephone: (888) 944-1816.
3. Tuesday June 16, 2015, 6:00 pm. Dare County Administration Building. Commissioners Meeting Room, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive. Manteo, NC 27954. Telephone: (252) 475-5700.
- 4. Wednesday June 17, 2015, 6:00 pm. Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront. 3001 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA, 23451. Telephone: (757) 213-3000**
5. Thursday, June 18, 5:00 pm. Ocean City Chamber of Commerce. Eunice Q. Sorin Visitor & Conference Center. 12320 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842. Telephone: (410) 213-0552.

For more information on the Blueline Tilefish Scoping Hearings visit the MAFMC webpage at;  
<http://www.mafmc.org/newsfeed/2015/blueline-tilefish-scoping-hearings>

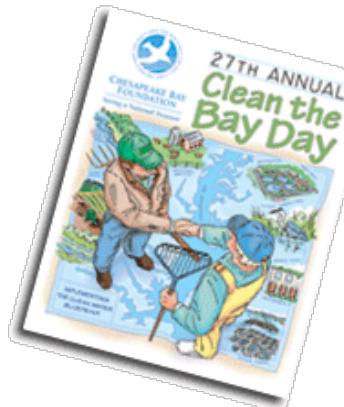
# ANGLER INTERESTS

## Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting: June 8-11, 2015 (Virginia Beach)



The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's June 2015 meeting to be held at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront, 3001 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451: telephone 757-213-3000. Meeting Agenda is available at <http://www.mafmc.org/newsfeed/2015/june-2015-council-meeting>

## Clean the Bay Day: June 6, 2015



The 27th Annual *Clean the Bay Day* is on June 6th from 9:00am-Noon. Volunteers all over Virginia, from Hampton Roads to Northern Virginia, from the Eastern Shore to the Shenandoah Valley, work by land and boat to give the Bay a massive spring cleaning every year. Elected officials, their staffs, enlisted men and women, scout groups, churches, small businesses, large corporations and thousands of individuals and families will turn out for this year's Clean the Bay Day. During the 2014 *Clean the Bay Day* more than 6,000 Volunteers worked along our streams and shoreline to remove more than 110,000 pounds of debris from 250 locations.

If you would like more information about Clean the Bay Day visit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation website at <http://www.cbf.org/events/clean-the-bay-day>

## Virginia's FREE Fishing Days: June 5-7, 2015



June 5, 6, and 7, 2015 have been designated as Free Fishing Days in Virginia. No fishing license of any kind will be required for rod and reel fishing in freshwater or saltwater, except in designated stocked trout waters, on these days. Plan some time to go fishing and boating; take the family fishing and boating or learn to fish and boat!

## U.S. Coast Guard Mobile APP now available:



Your safe boating needs in one free easy app! Released in May 2015, the U.S. Coast Guard Mobile APP is available for download FREE and can be a valuable source of information and reporting from your portable devices.

The USCG Boating Safety App features include:

- Find the latest safety regulations
- Check your safety equipment
- Navigation Rules
- Report a hazard
- Report suspicious activity
- Request a vessel safety check
- File a float plan
- Find the nearest NOAA buoy
- Report pollution
- Request emergency assistance\*\*\*

\*\*\*The app also features an Emergency Assistance button which, with locations services enabled, will call the closest Coast Guard command center.

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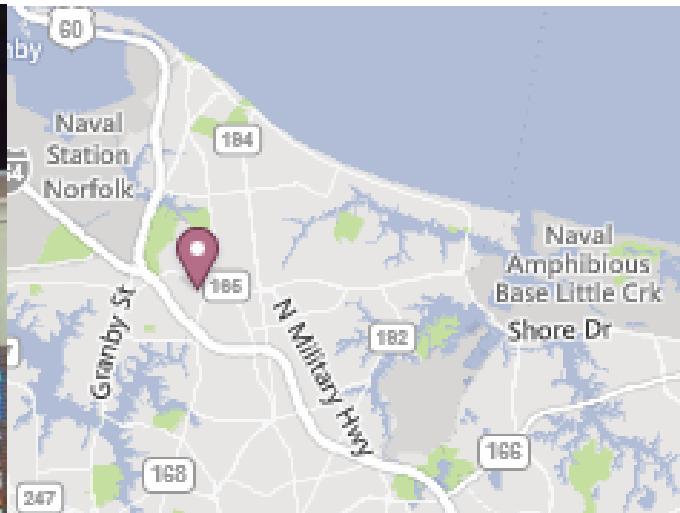
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 May 2015

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**VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION  
 2015 RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR  
 VIRGINIA'S MARINE WATERS SIZE and POSSESSION LIMITS**

**AMBERJACK**

Minimum Size Limit.....32 inches  
 Possession Limit.....2 per person

**AMERICAN EEL**

Minimum Size Limit.....9 inches  
 Possession Limit.....25 per person (50 for charter/head boat captain and mate)

**BLACK DRUM (DRUM, DRUMFISH)**

Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches  
 Possession Limit.....1 per person

**BLACK SEA BASS**

Open season.....May 15–Sept 21 and Oct 22–Dec 31  
 Minimum Size Limit.....12 ½ inches  
 Possession Limit.....15 per person

**BLUEFISH**

Minimum Size Limit.....None  
 Possession Limit.....10 per person

**COBIA**

Minimum Size Limit.....37 inches  
 Possession Limit.....1 per person

**GREY TROUT (WEAKFISH)**

Minimum Size Limit.....12 inches  
 Possession Limit.....1 per person

**GROPER (All species, including Wreckfish)**

Minimum Size Limit.....None  
 Possession Limit.....1 per person

**KING MACKEREL**

Minimum Size Limit.....27 inches  
 Possession Limit.....3 per person

**RED DRUM (CHANNEL BASS, REDFISH)**

Minimum Size Limit.....18 inches  
 Maximum Size Limit.....26 inches  
 Possession Limit.....3 per person

**RIVER HERRING (ALEWIFE; BLUEBACK)**.....Illegal to Possess

**SCUP (PORGY)**

Minimum Size Limit.....8 inches in state waters; 9 inches in Federal  
 Possession Limit.....30 per person

**SHAD (AMERICAN SHAD)**.....Illegal to Possess

**SHEEPSHEAD**

Minimum Size Limit.....None  
 Possession Limit.....4 per person

**SPADEFISH**

Minimum Size Limit.....None  
 Possession Limit.....4 per person

**Where open or closed seasons are specified, dates are inclusive.**



All regulations are subject to change. It is the angler's responsibility to know and abide by all current regulations and laws. Check for new regulations before you go fishing. [www.mrc.virginia.gov](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov)

May 2015



**SPANISH MACKEREL**

Minimum Size Limit.....14 inches

Possession Limit.....15 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

**STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH, STRIPER)**

Regulations on seasons, size limits, possession limits, available on separate regulation card or from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. (For contact information, see below.)

**STURGEON.....Illegal to Possess**

**SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)**

Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches

Possession Limit.....4 per person

**TAUTOG**

Minimum Size Limit.....16 inches

Possession Limit.....3 per person

Season Closed.....May 1–September 19

**TILEFISH (Blueline, Golden & Sand Tilefish)**

Minimum Size Limit.....None

Possession Limit.....7 per person

**SHARKS**

Recreationally Prohibited Species – It is illegal to take or possess any shark from the "Recreationally Prohibited Species" list, as defined in Regulation 4VAC20-490-20, including but not limited to the following species commonly encountered in Virginia: Atlantic Angel, Dusky, Sand Tiger, Sandbar, White, and Bigeye Thresher Sharks. No size or possession limits apply to Dogfish Sharks but must be landed with head and all fins attached.

Minimum Size Limit (exceptions below).....54 inches fork length (FL)  
 All sharks must be landed with head and fins attached; hammerhead sharks must be 78 inches FL or greater, no minimum size applies to Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead, Blacknose, Finetooth Sharks.

Possession Limit.....1 per vessel

Possession limit for Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead Sharks is 1 per person.

A non-boat assisted shore angler is entitled to a vessel possession limit

Season Closed.....May 15–July 15  
 (Includes Blacktip, Bull, Great Hammerhead, Lemon, Nurse, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, Spinner, and Tiger Shark)

Federal waters, beyond the Three Mile Limit governed by different regulations set by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council.

Sharks may only be taken by handline or rod and reel; No spearing or bow fishing.

**ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS**

**Saltwater Fishing License** – Individual license required in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary rivers and in all seaside and coastal ocean waters out to the Three Mile Limit Line, unless fishing on a licensed pier, licensed charter or headboat, or licensed private boat; or unless specifically exempted. For an FIP number, register at: [www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP) or call 1-800-723-2728.

**Measurements** – Size limits are in total length; fish must be measured from the tip of the nose to tip of tail, except Black Sea Bass, which are measured from tip of nose along the centerline of the body, to the center of the tail.

**Snagging** – Illegal to snag, or attempt to snag, any finfish.

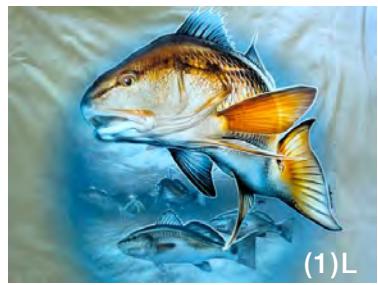
**VMRC website:** [www.mrc.virginia.gov](http://www.mrc.virginia.gov)

Information may also be obtained from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607, (757) 247-2200; or from the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, 2600 Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607, (757) 491-5160.

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 <p><b>P O BOX 8422</b> <b>NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422</b></p> <p>Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM</p> <p>The Norfolk Anglers Club was founded in 2005, filling a need for a fishing club in the City of Norfolk. Membership comes from all over the state.</p> <p>We are family oriented, dedicated to bringing fishermen and their Families together.</p> <p>Monthly meetings cover both inshore &amp; offshore fishing as well as boating &amp; safety. There are guest speakers covering a variety of topics and monthly raffles.</p> <p>We also conduct friendly fishing tournaments and cookouts, all with a family atmosphere in mind.</p>	<p><b>Meetings</b></p> <p>The meeting location may vary so please check our web page at <a href="http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com">http://www.norfolkanglersclub.com</a></p> <p>All meetings are open to the public and non-members are welcome to attend.</p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>Annual dues are:</p> <p>\$30.00 for an individual \$35.00 for a family.</p> <p>Norfolk Anglers Club membership may be obtained by filling out this application and bringing it to the meeting or Membership Application may be mailed to the following address:</p> <p><b>NAC</b> <b>P O BOX 8422</b> <b>NORFOLK, VA 23503-0422</b></p> <p>Please go to our web page for <b>CONTACT</b> information</p>	<p>Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____ Annual Dues: _____ \$30.00 Individual _____ \$35.00 Family</p> <p>Family membership includes spouse and dependent children only. Family members, please complete the following:</p> <p><b>Spouse:</b> _____ <b>Children (under 18)</b> Names: _____ _____ _____ _____</p>