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NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 7th, 2013 at 7:00 pm

JANUARY 2013 GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Ken Neill *presenting*

» Ocean Rockfishing and IGFA information



Dr. Ken Neill III will be our guest speaker providing some best practices for catching ocean rockfish and outlining some IGFA regulations. Ken is an avid angler and has fished the Chesapeake Bay and offshore waters for many years. Many fellow anglers have fished with Ken and have caught many citation fish. Ken will be sharing many of his fishing experiences so please attend our January meeting and learn what successful tactics he has used.

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All Meetings are Open to the Public, you do not have to be a member to come.

New Year's Resolution»

Even though my business is entrenched in the sport fishing industry, I don't fish as much as you'd think I do. In fact, 2012 was a dismal year for me in terms of getting "free" time.

Every year I try to convince myself I'm going to spend more time on the water chasing a broader variety of fish. The truth is, I'm just thankful to get the time I do get for the 5 or 6 species I target. In my heart of hearts, I want to be a "well rounded" fisherman able to step into any situation and catch fish.

While that's great on paper, it's much harder to do in real life. As the owner of multiple boats, I can only keep them rigged for a few species at a time. So, Drum, Cobia, Striper, Trout and Tarpon pretty much define who I am. The occasional marlin, flounder, tuna, and shark are welcome sights too...

Mother Nature was not my friend last year. Every "free" day I had, it blew 50 knots with small craft advisories posted on every report. There were even a few "nice" days that turned out to be small craft days too. The only bad news with those days are, I don't find out until I'm already out there.

For my New Year's Resolution this year, I, of course, am going to lie to myself again and act like I'm going to fish more. I'm going to act like I can fish twice a week with no interruptions from business, travels, health, kids, parents, home, pets, or weather.

Again, I'll be the most prepared angler you've ever met. I keep rods-per-species rigged and ready to go. I have plastic bins FULL of the best baits in the best conditions. The boats are cleaned, rigged, tuned and polished. Engines are maintained to perfection. Gas tanks all topped off.

I'll read my captains log from the previous year and notate the days ahead that hold the best chances for me to fish. I'll call my buddies and get them motivated. I'll tell my wife, kids, parents, and clients that I need to spend more time on the water no matter what.



And at the end of the day, I'll probably only fish twice a month and listen to my friends who fish twice a week. I'm happy for the time I do get, but honestly, it's never enough.

I hope you all have a resolution to fish more. And if you have room on your boat, PLEASE CALL ME. ■



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PHOTOGRAPH BY: Harry R. Hindmarsh

"While hunting for bluefin tunas on the Fishing Fool, we ended our day by finding about eight humpback whales working bait about a mile east of Chesapeake Light Tower. Just ten minutes after this shot, the water became 3' seas and unfishable.." - Harry R. Hindmarsh





a day on the water

» VIRGINIA BEACH HUMPBACKS WHALE TALES

Over the last few years, migrating humpback whales make a stop off the Virginia Beach coast and feast on the bait that hails here. The arrival of the humpbacks also signify the arrival of the highly-coveted Bluefin tunas! While the tunas are the grand prize, the humpbacks are the show-stealers with their beauty and spectacular jumps.

Photo journal



Mid-Atlantic **Fishing EXPO**



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February 1st-3rd

Hampton

Convention Ctr.

Hampton, Va

Fri. - 12-9

Sat. - 9-9

Sun. 10-3

Admission

\$10 Adult

Children

12 & under Free



NEW MEMBER OF SPECK "30 INCH + CLUB"

LOCATION: Hot Ditch

REPORTING ANGLER: John "JB" Brown

As many of you know, a 30" or longer Speckled Trout is the "holy grail" of trout enthusiasts. From the coastline of Virginia to Florida and around the Gulf to the tip of south Texas, a 30" Speckle is the measure of a true trophy fish. Fishing the ER with my brother in mid-December, Randy caught the first ever, 30+" Speckled Trout taken on our boat. It was a golly whopper measuring 32" long with a 16 1/2" girth. Estimated fish weight was just over 10.5 lbs. This beautiful Speckle was taken on an 808 17MR. After a quick photo, this "fish of a lifetime" was released.

As an encore, Randy followed up the very next day catching and releasing a 31" Speckle with a 15" girth...yet another true trophy fish.

The ER has settled into its winter fishery mode with cold outside air temperatures greatly affecting the bite. Fish (big fish), can still be found and caught, but it takes a lot of patience in often chilly, windy weather conditions. If fishing artificial baits, sloooooow presentations work best. Good luck!

If you go and plan to take a few fish for the table, just remember that the bag limit has changed since 01 December...no more than 5 fish per angler with only 1 allowed to be 24" or above.

fishing reports



A ZILLION STRIPERS AND ZERO BLUEFINS

LOCATION: Virginia Beach, Oceanfront
REPORTING ANGLER: Harry R. Hindmarsh

The thought of bluefin tuna within eyesight of the VB oceanfront was enough to make me, Lucian Montagna, Kevin Kirsh, Beth Synowic take a half day and blast out to get our Penn 50's wet!

Lucian had booked the trip with another angler who dropped out, making room for me to jump on at the last minute. As we blasted across the bay, Kevin and Beth tide knots while Lucian and I kept our eyes peeled for birds and humpback whales.

It didn't take us long to find our 4 ton guests. Once we hit the tower, the life was too overwhelming to miss. By the time our second line was in the water, it was GAME ON all day... literally all day... We each took turns hoping it was a bluefin, but to end the suspense, we didn't catch one... however, we did catch a zillion stripers and a few glimpses of some beautiful humpbacks.

Beth scored a nice 45" release citation and there were probably 2 other stripers over 39". I didn't hear anyone complaining about not catching a bluefin, however, I did hear a few complaints about "tired arms" from cranking fish...

Get your big game tackle out and go find those whales!!!

photos from our members

members photos



NEWS from our friends



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Outdoor writer Ric Burnley provides up-to-date, reliable fishing reports, step-by-step how-to articles, news and events, professional guides and everything you need to fish the Mid Atlantic.

www.PilotOnline.com | Lee Tolliver

Lee Tolliver's Fishing Forecast appears on PilotOnline.com and in the Virginian Pilot sports section every Thursday from the first week in April through Thanksgiving Day.

www.baydreaming.com

Chesapeake Bay Guide provides information on boating, fishing, travel, events, and history for many areas throughout Virginia.

www.fishva.org

An online resource for choosing a VA Saltwater Fishing charter service. Over 100 licensed Captains in the organization.

www.boat-ed.com

The official site for boater education. Boat Ed is the only place on the Web where you can study the official boating safety manual developed specifically for your state government's boating agency.

www.chesapeake-angler.com

A comprehensive fishing network dedicated to all types of Virginia fishing.

www.boatsafe.com

Boating safety courses with boating simulations, animations, boating safety quizzes and boating tips for powerboaters and sailboaters.

www.sportfishermen.com

Comprehensive fishing resource including, tournaments, articles, forums, pictures and video.

www.cbf.org

Features education material, access to critical bay issues, and tools for citizens to take action on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay.

www.dailypress.com/fishingspot

Official website of the Daily Press Newspaper Fishing Section. Offers forums and weekly fishing report.

www.discoverboating.com

Provides a variety of information on safety, maintenance, destinations and tips on buying a boat.

www.hamptonroads.com

Comprehensive resource for Hampton Roads. Includes Virginian Pilot newspaper fishing reports.

www.pierandsurf.com

Provides Virginia pier and surf fishing reports.

www.mrc.state.va.us/swr/saltwaterreview

Includes weekly Virginia Marine Resources Commission fishing report.

www.stripersonline.com

Brings you the most complete striped bass fishing information, including saltwater, surf and fly fishing articles, tackle, techniques, fishing reports and discussions.

www.takemefishing.org

Serves as a one-stop resource for those seeking boating, fishing and conservation information.

www.tidalfish.com

Provides fishing reports and fishing information covering saltwater fishing, freshwater fishing, fly fishing, fishing reports, etc.

www.vbsf.net

Virginia Beach Sport Fishing website links to fishing chat, fishing guides, and catches of the week.

www.vcanaccess.com

Virginia Coastal Access Now (VCAN) is a non-profit organization that represents recreational anglers.

www.mrc.virginia.gov

Official site of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Provides easy access to regulatory and management information related to Virginia marine resources.

WEATHER & TIDES

www.noaa.gov

The National Weather Service is the primary source of weather data, forecasts and warnings for the United States.

www.weather.com

Provides a national and local weather forecast for cities worldwide.

www.wtkr.com

Hampton Roads local CBS affiliate. Provides weather and marineforecast information.

www.wunderground.com

Provides weather forecasts for the US and the world with a fast, easy to use interface. Includes weather maps, graphics and radar images.

www.saltwatertides.com

Provides low and high tide predictions, sunset, moonrise, moonset, and moon phase information.

www.wvec.com

Hampton Roads local ABC affiliate. Provides weather and marineforecast information.

nac prize fish contest rules

NAC PRIZE FISH CONTEST RULES

Rules regarding our annual PRIZE FISH CONTEST and are posted on the NAC website.

In a nutshell, our rules will closely parallel the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament for saltwater fish and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for freshwater. However, there are a few small differences so please visit the NAC PRIZE FISH CONTEST page on the NAC website.

Most important, we need for everyone to PARTICIPATE in the contest. If you catch (or have caught) a fish in calendar year 2008 meeting citation criteria, simply make a copy of your citation application or fill out the NAC PRIZE FISH ENTRY FORM and provide that to our Awards Director at our next meeting, it's that easy.

At year's end, we will recognize those anglers that catch the "prize" fish in each category plus recognize some overall "Anglers of the Year". Again, please visit the website to learn the details of the contest rules. Let's make our contest fun and competitive, Please Participate.

NAC Prize Fish Entry Form

Please fill out the following information. All weights must be on certified scales, witnessed & caught on hook & line in accordance with the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament.

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Species: _____ Place Caught: _____

Lure or Bait: _____

Weight ____ lbs. ____ oz. Length ____ Feet ____ Inches

The fish was released The fish was tagged Adult Angler Jr. Angler Age _____

Angler's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Boat name _____

I Certify that all the above information is correct:

Angler's Signature _____

Witness Signature _____

Witness Name (printed) _____

Please submit your awards to the new awards director who will be available at the meetings. You must be an NAC Member in good standing to qualify.

Closing image

Twin humpbacks having a feast...

