Welcome to Westmoreland County

■ Size: 252 square miles ■ Shoreline: 250 miles
■ Population: 16,700

The Westmoreland County Courthouse in Montross

History

Established in 1653 by the colonial government in Jamestown, Westmoreland County was named for a British shire. The county's most significant contributions to history include its fostering of more statesmen than any other county in the country, and for the Leedstown Resolutions.

Considered the forerunner of the Declaration of Independence, the Leedstown Resolutions were signed in February, 1766. It was the first organized resistance to English aggression on American liberties. Prepared by Richard Henry Lee, the document was signed by 115 patriots who bound themselves together "To Prevent The Execution of The Stamp Act."

Stratford Hall was the boyhood home of Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, signers of the Declaration of Independence.

General Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee was a Revolutionary War hero in his 20's and served as one of General George Washington's most trusted officers. He is the father of Robert E. Lee.

General Robert E. Lee was born in 1807 at Stratford and soon after the family moved to Alexandria. Lee was a colonel in the U. S. Army when the Civil War broke out. Offered the command of the Union Army, Lee declined because he "could take no part in an invasion" of his homeland.

Most notable among the statesmen of Westmoreland, General George Washington, commander of the Continental Army, Revolutionary War hero and first President of the United States, was born at Popes Creek in 1732.

James Monroe, the nation's fifth president, was born in 1758 on a farm near Monroe Bay. Monroe served as president from 1817 to 1825.

Government

County Administrator Norm Risavi, 111 Polk Street, Montross. Phone 493-0130, Hours: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday except holidays. westmorelandcounty.org.

Tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.44; personal property, $3.00.

Colonial Beach, 18 North Irving Avenue, Colonial Beach. Phone 224-7181. Hours: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday except holidays.

Tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.88; personal property, $3.20. colonialbeachva.net.

Montross Town Manager Brenda T. Reamy, 15869 Kings Highway, Montross. Phone 493-9623. Hours: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday except holidays.

Tax rate (per $100): Real estate, $.06; no personal property tax.

Chamber of Commerce

Westmoreland County Visitors Center in the county museum and library at 43 Court Square in Montross is open six days a week (closed Sunday). April 1–October 31 the center is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m. 493-8440.

Virginia's Potomac Gateway Welcome Center on Route 301 at the Potomac River Bridge. (540) 663-3205.

Colonial Beach Tourism, 224-0732.

Services

Solid Waste and Recycling Westmoreland County has three public waste collection sites which also offer recycling: on Route 622 in Montross, on Route 202 near Carmel Church and on Route 205 near Monroe Hall. The sites are open Monday–Sunday, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

The Town of Montross and Colonial Beach also offer curbside trash pick up.

Day Care/Baby Sitting Fun Factory Inc., Montross. School age summer camp available. 493-9518.

Churches Montross Ministerial Association, 493-8285.

ABC Store Montross, 109 East End Plaza, open 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Monday–Saturday. 493-9800.

Recreation

Westmoreland Parks and Recreation Department provides recreation services to all county citizens and visitors. 493-8163. westparkrec@netstar.com.

A.T. Johnson Recreation Center 18849 Kings Highway, Montross. Aerobics and dance classes, cooking programs, basketball, gymnastics, volleyball, enclosed batting cage with pitching machine, regulation size soccer field and baseball field and small auditorium. Meeting room and patio are available for rental.

Castlewood Park on Castlewood Dr. Permit required for parties over 20 people.

Currioman Landing Public Boat Landing off Route 622. Owned and operated by Westmoreland County, this public boat ramp and pier near the Potomac River offers water access to all the county's citizens.

Boat Cruises

Bell House and PAL Charters. Intimate, two-hour, five-course dinner or buffet cruise on the Potomac River aboard the 43-foot motor yacht "Apolonia." 224-7000. thebellhouse.com.

Rappahannock River Cruise on the "Captain" Thomas departs from Tappahannock and travels to Ingleside Vineyards. The cruise runs from 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Tuesdays–Sundays, May–October. Reservations required. 453-2628. tangiercruise.com.

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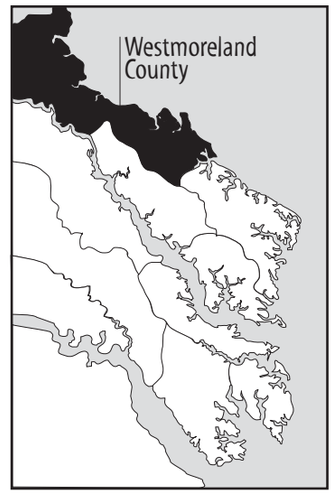

Community yard sale set for Sept. 30

The Mathews County Visitor & Information Center (McVIC) will sponsor its final Community Yard Sale of the year on Saturday, September 30.

The event will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Main Street in front of the Foster-Faulkner Building and Johnson Law Center.

In addition to benefiting Mathews yard-sellers, this effort is also intended to increase business for downtown merchants, restaurants and the Court Green Farmers Market.

Contact the Mathews County Visitor & Information Center at 725-4229 or mcvic@vistismathews.com for more information.

Family of four

This family of four ospreys nested at White Point on the Rappahannock River this summer. The ospreys have since migrated south but will return to their Rivah nesting site next spring. (Photo by Suzanne Blyer)

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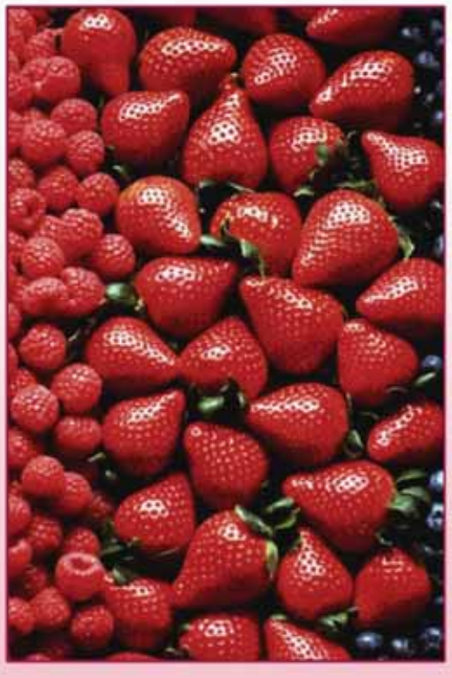

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■ Size: 261 square miles ■ Shoreline: 150.8 miles
■ Population: 9,989

History

Essex County's history in written form dates from Captain John Smith's visit during the winter of 1607-08, when he wrote of the "excellent, pleasant, fertile, and navigable" Rappahannock Valley.

In 1645 Bartholomew Hoskins patented the Tappahannock site, which became known at various times as Hobbs His Hole, Hobb's Hole, the short-lived New Plymouth, and the Indian name Tappahannock. The port town was to become a center of commerce during the 17th and 18th centuries, establishing a crossroads.

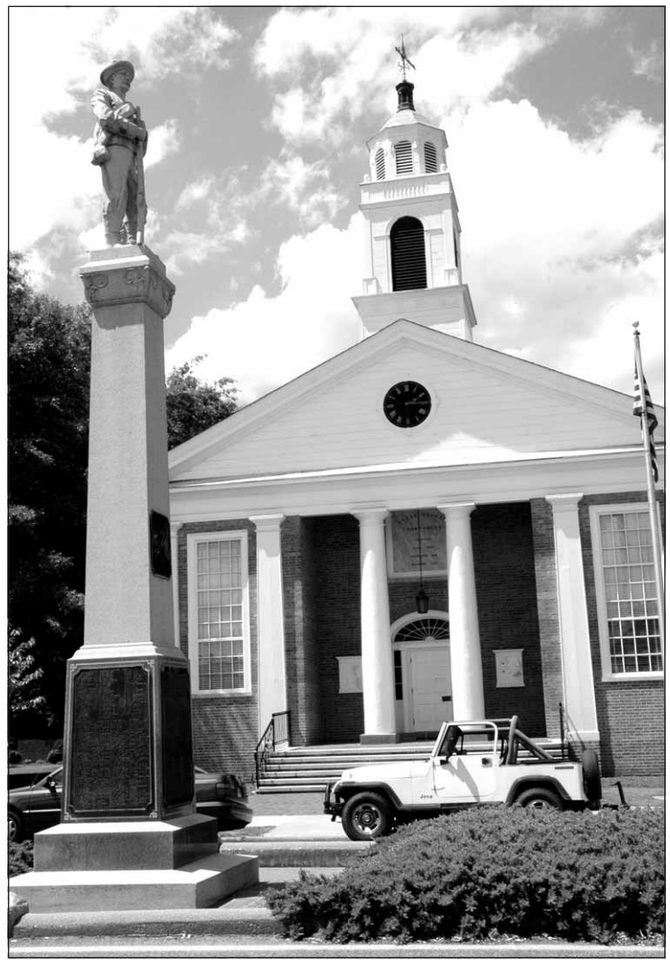
The county came into being in 1692 when Old Rappahannock County, which once encompassed at least 50 modern counties in Virginia and West Virginia, was divided along the river with the north side becoming Richmond County and the south becoming Essex.

During Bacon's Rebellion in 1676, armed men gathered near Piscataway Creek and defeated Governor Berkeley's cavalrymen. Later they prevailed in the Dragon Swamp, but eventually English warships and troops suppressed the uprising. Frontier patrols, however, were maintained against hostile northern Indians into the early 1700's.

The British Stamp Act of 1765 led directly to the American Revolution, and it was in Tappahannock that one of the first confrontations occurred.

Leading merchant Archibald Ritchie, who supported the Stamp Act, was labeled as "the greatest enemy of his country." On February 27, 1766, gentlemen from nine counties gathered at Leedstown to draft the "Resolutions" that led Virginians to disobey Parliament. They also made plans to publicly humiliate Ritchie and the Scots merchant Archibald McCall. These events occurred seven years before the Boston Tea Party.

The Essex Courthouse contains the oldest records in Virginia. James B. Slaughter's history of the area, "Settlers, Southerners, Americans: The History of Essex County, Virginia 1608–1984," recounts in detail the county's 350-year-old story. The book is available at the county administrator's office.



The Essex County Courthouse with its Confederate monument on Prince Street in Tappahannock is the centerpiece of the county seat. The Greek Revival style building was built in 1848. A 1926 renovataion, largely financed by Alfred I. duPont, added the bell and clock tower. In 1965, a fire that is believed to have started from the clock destroyed many of the old paintings in the building.

Government

Essex County Administrator R. Gary Allen, P. O. Box 1079, 205 Cross Street, Courthouse Square, Tappahannock, 22560. Phone 443-4331, FAX 443-4157. www.essex@virginia.org. Open 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

County tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.68; personal property, $3.50.

Tappahannock Town Manager G.G. Belfield Jr., 915 Church Lane, Tappahannock. 443-3336. FAX 443-1051. Open 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Town tax rates (per $100): Real estate, $.13; personal property, $1.25.

Chamber of Commerce

Tappahannock-Essex Chamber of Commerce, Linda Lumpkin, executive secretary, P.O. Box 481, 205 Cross Street, Courthouse Square. Lumpkin@crosslink.net. Hours, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. 443-5241.

Services

Churches Essex County Ministerial Association. Contact: Paul Beith, 443-6887.

Day Care/Baby Sitting (in Tappahannock) Gayle's Family Home Day Care, 443-4993; Mount Landing Children's Center, 443-1060; Segar's Tender Loving Children's Center, 443-3852; Tappahannock Children's Center, 443-3272.

Trash Collection Sites are at Bray's Fork on Rt. 17, just south of the Rt. 360 and Rt. 17 intersection, open daily 7 a.m.–6 p.m.; Champlain on Rt. 17, open Mon., Wed., Fri., and Sat. 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; and Center Cross on Rt. 684, open daily except Tuesdays, 7 a.m.–6 p.m. 443-4331.

Veterinary Services Tappahannock Veterinary Hospital, Drs. Lauriel Turner and Lewis Wilkins Jr., 525 Airport Road, Call 443-2878 for doctor's hours.

Towing Jack Stokes Towing, 246 Berry Hill Rd., Tappahannock. 443-4000 or (800) 830-8697.

ABC Store Rappahannock Shopping Center. 443-3441.

Recreation

Ball Fields Essex Little League. 443-9344.

Essex County Parks and Recreation Department runs a number of sports activities for youth and adults. Ball fields at Essex High School are used. Contact recreation director Sylvia Allen at 443-2470.

Fitness Centers Riverside Wellness and Fitness Center, 1025 Hobbs Hole Drive, Tappahannock. Aerobics, cardiovascular and strength equipment, free weights, indoor track, Jacuzzi and sauna. For hours, call 443-0500.

Tennis Courts at Essex High School on Airport Rd. are open to the public from about 5 p.m. until dark and when school is not in session. Contact Sylvia Allen at 443-2470. Riverside Wellness and Fitness Center, Tappahannock, offers tennis as well as racquetball, basketball and volleyball. See fitness center listing.

River Cruises Rappahannock River Cruises, 468 Buzzard Pt. Rd., Reedville, Va. 22539. 453-BOAT (2628). Tues.–Sun., May–October: narrated tours up the river to Ingleside Winery. Departs from Hoskins Creek in Tappahannock at 10 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Reservations necessary.

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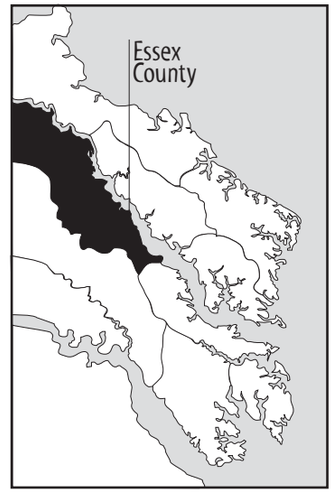

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Robert Allen Harwood Jr. (right) of Gloucester holds the 60-inch, 89-pound citation cobia he caught on July 18 at York Spit. He registered the citation at Queen's Creek Outfitters.

Club stays busy

It's been a very active summer with fishing tournaments and meetings, according to the Northern Neck Anglers Club.

Recent tournaments included a Target Ship Shootout June 24-25, a Summer Flounder Bash in July, and the Spanish Lessons Tournament August 19-20,

Ingram Bay Marina and Locklies Creek Marina were home ports for the Target Ship Shootout. Winners by species were:

• Croaker: first, 1 lb., 11 oz., Stuart McKenzie of Waynesboro; second, 1 lb., 4 oz., Scott McKenzie of Callao.

• Bluefish: first, 2 lb., 8 oz., Donnie O'Leary of Glen Allen; second, 2 lb., 6 oz., John Elkin of Urbanna.

Norview Marina in Deltaville was home port for the Summer Flounder Bash. Winners by target species were:

Flounder: first, 7 lb., 1 oz., Wayne Harding of Mechanicsville; second, 6 lb., 12 oz., Walter Patrick of Mechanicsville.

Croaker: first, 1 lb., 5 oz., Matt Bruington of Midlothian; second, 1 lb., 3 oz., Brad Ambrose guest angler.

For information call Capt. Dave Compton at 730-7877.

Shelton Foster of Deltaville displays his citation 8-lb., 4-oz., 27-inch flounder he caught on August 6 at Buoy 42. He registered the fish at Queen's Creek Outfitters in Mathews.

Flounder and spot are hot; rock season begins Oct. 4

"It has been a good summer for fishing."

Those words were spoken by a man who should know. John Gayle Anderton, 92, of Saluda has been fishing the waters of the Chesapeake Bay since his childhood days in Mathews County. And his freezer is full of frozen spot and croaker filets that he, Charles Healy and others have accumulated this year aboard the "Soybean II" out of Urbanna. Normally, Anderton and Healy go only a short distance into the Rappahannock River, at Towles Point, to catch a cooler full.

While croaker and spot fishing remain strong in the river, one can only lament over the fact that gray trout, flounder and bluefish of keeper size have become a rarity. Many remember the days of the 1970s when these fish were easily found in the Rappahannock. Today, anglers must go elsewhere to find them.

Buoy 42 and The Cell area of the Chesapeake Bay have become "flounder central" this summer. It's a long boat trip from Urbanna, but a very easy ride from Deltaville.

Spanish mackerel were caught by anglers fishing the mouth of the Rappahannock River and the area around Stingray Light in mid-August, reported Jerry Thrash of Queen's Creek Outfitters of Mathews. Small drone spoons and Clark spoons in chrome and gold produced when trolled at 6-8 knots. Taylor blues were mixed in.

Number 1 spot are beginning to show up, but not yet in any numbers, said Thrash. Butlers Hole, The Spike and the 30-foot waters off Gwynn's Island continue to produce medium-sized spot on bloodworms or Fish-Bites, and small sea bass are mixed in as is the occasional small gray trout. Sand sharks are frequently caught in the mix.

Chuck Ashe of A&S Feed and Supplies of Gloucester said the spot fishing had been very good n the York River. He said some big croaker are also around as well as some speckled trout.

Speckled trout are making strong showings in the Mobjack Bay at Hole-in-the-Wall, in Damron Marsh, and along the shores of the Piankatank and Rappahannock rivers and in their feeder creeks, said Thrash. Lures, peelers and live minnows are working.

Ginger Hayes registered this 7-lb., 26-inch citation flounder at Fishing Bay Harbor Marina in Deltaville on August 6. She caught the fish at The Cell.

The fall rockfish season is rapidly approaching. The season is a tradition in Rivah country, and normally the fishing is best around Thanksgiving when the water temperatures have cooled.

The fall season is from October 4 through December 31. The maximum size is 28 inches and the minimum is 18 inches. Only two rockfish per person per day. One of the two fish may be 34 inches or longer. No fish between 28 and 34 inches can be kept.

New Records

The fishing season has produced two new state records. A 109-pound cobia caught by Joseph F. Berberich II of Hayes on June 10 has been certified as a new Virginia state record by the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament.

Berberich caught his fish in the Chesapeake Bay at York Spit. The fish was a "double-winner" for Berberich, winning the 11th Annual Hampton Creek Cobia Tournament as well as becoming the new state record.

A 14-pound spadefish caught on June 17 by Austin Edwards of Powhatan has been certified as the new Virginia state record by the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament. This was the second time the spadefish record has been broken in less than a month.

2006 Weigh Stations

Below are the official 2005 Virginia Saltwater Tournament weigh stations for the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula area. For more information, call (757) 491-5160.

Northern Neck

- **Callao:** R.W.'s Sport Shop (804) 529-5634
- **Coles Point:** Branson Cove Marina (804) 472-3866
- **Kilmarnock:** Chesapeake Boat Basin (804) 435-3110
- **Lancaster:** RTS Tackle (804) 462-0100
- **Lottsburg:** Lewisetta Marina (804) 529-7299
- **Oak Grove:** Winter Harbor Seafood (804) 224-7779
- **Reedville:** Buzzard Point Marina (804) 453-3545
- **Reedville:** Smith Point Marina (804) 453-4077

Middle Peninsula

- **Bowler's Wharf:** Garrett's Marina (804) 443-2573
- **Cobbs Creek:** Queen's Creek Outfitters (804) 725-3889
- **Deltaville:** J&W Seafood (804) 776-6400
- **Deltaville:** Norview Marina (804) 776-6463
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- **Gloucester Point:** A&S Feed & Supplies (804) 642-4940
- **Gwynn's Island:** G.I. Campers Haven (804) 725-5700
- **Gwynn's Island:** Pulley's Marine (804) 725-3814
- **Hayes:** Crown Pointe Marina (804) 642-6177
- **New Point:** New Point Campground (804) 725-5120
- **Plainview:** Tucker Recreational Park (804) 785-4464
- **Saluda:** Keepers (804) 758-5720
- **Topping:** Grey's Point Campground (804) 758-2485
- **Topping:** Locklies Marina (804) 758-2871
- **Ware Neck:** Nuttall & Company (804) 693-3067
- **West Point:** Diggs Seafood (804) 843-2323

Colby Cooke, 11, of Goochland had a great day flounder fishing July 5 at the cell. Fishing aboard Capt. Buck Roberts' "Buckshot," he landed these two 7.5-pound flounder.

YMCA fishing tournament winners named

The cobia and flounder fishing tournament to benefit the Middlesex Family YMCA was held August 19 at Crown Pointe Marina on Perrin River at the mouth of the York River.

Mark Douglas won the flounder competition with a catch of 3 lbs., 6 ozs.

Scott Stewart, Fred Williams and "Team Papa Smurf" won the cobia competition with a catch of 32 lbs., 12 ozs.

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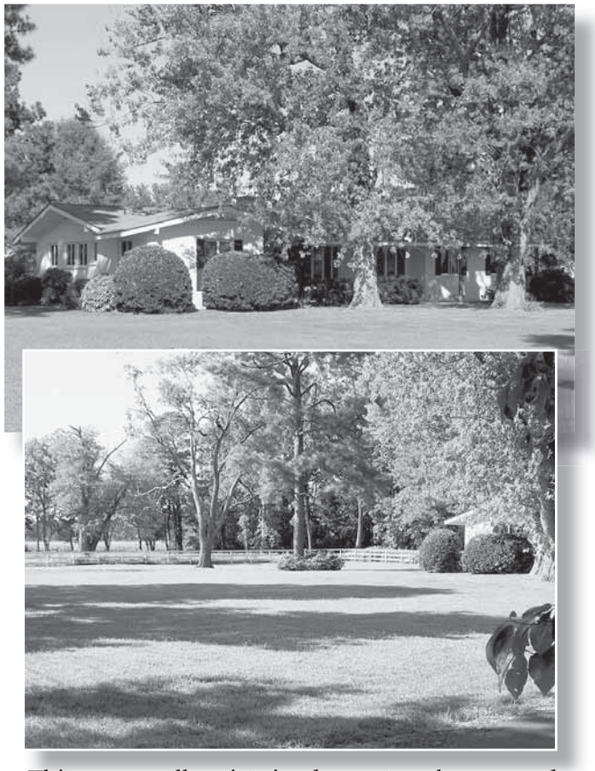

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Cobia (Bonita)
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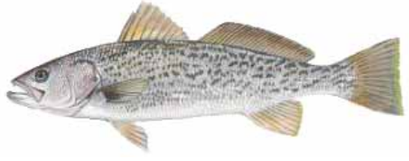
Limit: 1 Cobia per person per day



Grey Trout (Weakfish)
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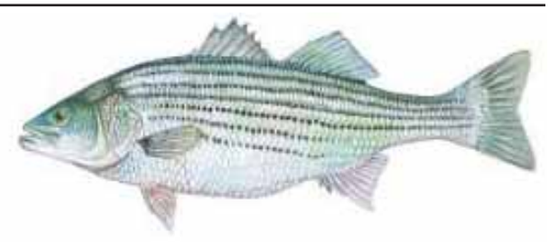
King Mackerel
Minimum Size Limit: 27" Total Length
Limit: 3 King Mackerel per person per day

Red Drum (Channel Bass)
Minimum Size Limit: 18" Total Length
Maximum Size Limit: 26" Total Length
Limit: 3 Red Drum per person per day

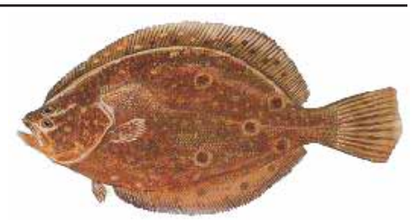
Spadefish
Minimum Size Limit: None
Limit: 4 Spadefish per person per day

Spanish Mackerel
Minimum Size Limit: 4" Total Length
Limit: 15 Spanish Mackerel per person per day

Speckled Trout (Spotted Sea Trout)
Minimum Size Limit: 14" Total Length
Limit: 10 Speckled Trout per person per day



Striped Bass (Striper, Rockfish)
Virginia Trophy Season, May 1-May 15
Minimum Size Limit: 32"
Possession Limit: 1 Rockfish per person per day
Spring Season, May 16-June 15
Minimum Size Limit: 18"
Maximum Size Limit **: 28"
Limit: 2 Rockfish per person per day
** One fish of the two fish limit may be 32" in length or larger
Fall Season, October 4-December 31
Minimum Size Limit: 18"
Maximum Size Limit: 28"
Limit: 2 Rockfish per person per day;
no Rockfish between 28" and 34" may be kept,
1 Rockfish 34" or longer can be kept



Summer Flounder (Fluke)
Minimum Size Limit: 16.5"
Limit: 6 Flounder per person per day

Tautog
Minimum Size Limit: 14"
Limit: 7 Tautog per person per day

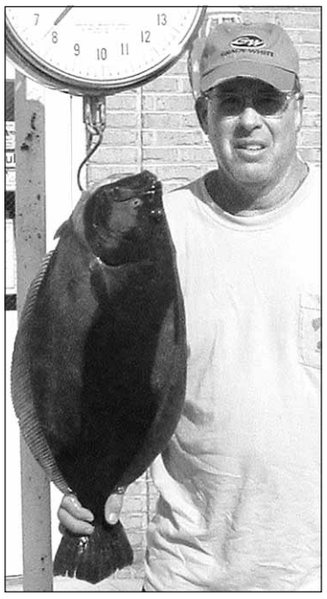
For information on the most current regulations, contact Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 756, Newport News, Va. 23607: (757) 247-2200. VMRC "Hotline" number to report violations: (800) 541-4646. VMRC monitors VHF Channel 17. The VMRC website is www.mrc.state.va.us. Fish illustrations, courtesy Duane Raver, may not be reproduced without permission 9919) 553-0280.

A flounder frenzy in the Chesapeake Bay

Buck Buchanan displays the citation 7-lb., 14-oz., 27-inch flounder he caught at Buoy 42 on August 4.

Angela Baker of Dutton caught a 7-lb., 9-oz. citation flounder at Buoy 42 on August 19.

Bill Jones of Chesterfield caught a 7-lb., 11-oz. citation at Buoy 42.



Gerald Morgan Jr. of New Point shows the 7-lb., 11-oz., citation flounder he caught on July 17 near Buoy 42.

Conner Gilliland, 9, caught an 8-lb., 5-oz. citation flounder on August 19 at Buoy 42

Tracie Davis of Chesterfield hooked a citation flounder on July 19 at Buoy 42.

Jeff Davis of Chesterfield caught a couple of nice flounder on July 17 at Buoy 42.

Roger Summers of King George landed a 12-lb., 11-oz citation on July 26.

Thanks to Queen's Creek Outfitters of Mathews, and J&W Seafood, Norview Marina and Fishing Bay Harbor Marina of Deltaville for submitting photos.

Alert sounded for tagged flounder

Fishermen are being asked to check flounder for a yellow tag near their tail, which indicates the fish has an internal acoustic transmitter implanted in its belly and is being studied by VIMS. Anglers should record the tag number and release the flounder alive with the tag in place. They should then call VIMS at (804) 684-7588 to report the tag number, date and location the fish was caught and released to receive a reward. The fish are being studied to determine the roles of fishing piers, artificial reefs as feeding and gathering areas for flounder.

Rivah Area Tide Tables for September 2006

Sewells Point Hampton Roads

09/01	3:07a	H	9:16a	L	3:54p	H	10:34p	L
09/02	4:12a	H	10:20a	L	5:01p	H	11:39p	L
09/03	5:22a	H	11:29a	L	6:07p	H	--------	
09/04	12:38a	L	6:28a	H	12:35p	L	7:07p	H
09/05	1:32a	L	7:28a	H	1:37p	L	8:03p	H
09/06	2:22a	L	8:23a	H	2:35p	L	8:54p	H
09/07	3:09a	L	9:15a	H	3:30p	L	9:44p	H
09/08	3:55a	L	10:05a	H	4:23p	L	10:32p	H
09/09	4:40a	L	10:55a	H	5:16p	L	11:21p	H
09/10	5:26a	L	11:45a	H	6:10p	L	--------	
09/11	12:10a	H	6:14a	L	12:37p	H	7:04p	L
09/12	1:01a	H	7:03a	L	1:31p	H	8:02p	L
09/13	1:56a	H	7:57a	L	2:31p	H	9:04p	L
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09/27	12:16a	H	6:20a	L	12:42p	H	7:13p	L
09/28	12:56a	H	7:00a	L	1:28p	H	8:04p	L
09/29	1:44a	H	7:49a	L	2:23p	H	9:03p	L
09/30	2:42a	H	8:49a	L	3:27p	H	10:07p	L

Yorktown: add 8 min.
West Point: add 2:20

Cherry Point Piankatank River

09/01	3:54a	H	10:18a	L	4:41p	H	11:36p	L
09/02	4:59a	H	11:22a	L	5:48p	H	--------	
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09/29	2:31a	H	8:51a	L	3:10p	H	10:05p	L
09/30	3:29a	H	9:51a	L	4:14p	H	11:09p	L

Jackson Creek:
add 35 min.

Grey's Point Rappahannock River

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Urbanna: add 15 min.
Dividing Creek: add 5 min.

Great Wicomico River Light

09/01	12:36a	L	6:02a	H	12:28p	L	6:49p	H
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Smith Point Light Chesapeake Bay

09/01	1:00a	L	6:33a	H	12:52p	L	7:20p	H
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09/30	12:32a	L	6:09a	H	12:25p	L	6:51p	H

Coles Point/ Ragged Point:
add 1:20

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11th annual Fall Festival planned September 30 at De Sales Hall

St. Frances de Sales Church, its Knights of Columbus Council and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their 11th annual Fall Festival September 30 at De Sales Hall at 151 Church Street in Kilmarnock.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., crafters of every description will display their wares on the grounds and inside the hall. A farmers' market featuring pumpkins, apples, jams and other fall produce will be filled to overflowing. The food stand will be ready with sausages, hamburgers, soda and all the fixings.

The Ladies Auxiliary will furnish home-baked goods. The Knights will begin their "Keep Christ in Christmas" program with the sale of Christmas cards and other religious goods.

Lancaster High School will furnish artists for painting pumpkins and children's faces. Hughlett's Tavern/Rice's Hotel will demonstrate its portable blacksmith forge. Some vintage farm equipment will be displayed by the Northern Neck Farm Museum. The Reedville Fishermen's Museum will display and sell chances on a hand-crafted boat.

Proceeds will be distributed to non-profit organizations in the community.

There are a few vendor spaces still available; call John Cali at 580-2888.

Washington Birthplace to celebrate Constitution

On Sunday, September 17, George Washington Birthplace National Monument will celebrate the 219th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States with patriotic activities suitable for all ages.

Visitors will be given an opportunity to sign a replica of the document that delegates of the Constitution Convention, presided over by George Washington, signed in 1787.

Featured that day at 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center will be an important talk called "American Federalism: From the Founding to the 21st Century" by Dr. Tim Conlan, professor of government and politics at George Mason University in Fairfax.

Dr. Tim Conlan is the author of the award-winning book, *From New Federalism to Devolution: Twenty-five Years of Intergovernmental Reform.* He teaches courses on public policy making, federalism and intergovernmental relations, and Congress and legislative politics. His current research deals with U.S. and comparative federalism, the politics of intergovernmental relations, and the politics of federal policy making.

"Anyone with an interest in how the establishment of federalism affects us today, should not miss this talk," said superintendent Vidal Martinez.

George Washington Birthplace National Monument is on Route 204, two miles off Route 3, 11 miles west of Montross. Admission to the talk is free. Admission to the Memorial Area is $4 per visitor 16 and older.

Additional information is available by phone at 224-1732, or www.nps.gov/gewa.

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Harness races begin September 4

Colonial Downs, just off Interstate 64 in New Kent County, will begin its harness racing season at 5 p.m. with a Fireworks Extravaganza and full card of races.

There will be no races on Tuesday, September 5, but the regular weekly racing schedule after that date is Tuesdays through Fridays at 5 p.m. through November 4.

For more information, visit www.colonialdowns.com.

'Godspeed' to visit Deltaville

Jamestown Settlement's new "Godspeed" recently returned from a two-and-half-month voyage to ports along the East Coast, and will participate in several upcoming Virginia events. The Godspeed is a re-creation of one of the three ships that brought America's first permanent English colonists to Virginia in 1607.

One of the events is Godspeed's visit to Fishing Bay Harbor Marina in Deltaville on Saturday, October 14, for the third annual Holly Point Art and Seafood Festival sponsored by the Deltaville Maritime Museum. The boat will open for tours by the public.

Godspeed will then sail to Yorktown for the 225th Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown, October 19-22. The Godspeed will be open to visitors at Yorktown's Riverwalk Landing during the four-day event that celebrates the momentous American Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown.

For more information about Jamestown Settlement and the Godspeed, call (888) 593-4682 or visit www.historyisfun.org.

Big Dawgs to serve barbecue and bluegrass

The Big Dawgs Mens Ministry at the White Stone Church of the Nazarene will serve a Barbecue Chicken and Bluegrass Gospel Luncheon Saturday, September 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Family Life Center at 57 Whisk Drive off Route 3 near White Stone.

The Wayne T. Holt Band of Deltaville will provide the foot-stomping bluegrass and gospel music.

Big Dawgs members will slow-grill the finger-licking chicken using a traditional Shenandoah Valley of Virginia recipe. Plate lunches will include a half a chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, roll and a beverage. Meals will be available to go.

However, folks are urged to sit a spell in the comfort of the sanctuary, enjoy the music and kick up their heels if they like.

Tickets are $10 per plate. A limited number of tickets will be sold. Tickets will be available from Big Dawgs members, the Rappahannock Record, Farm & Home in Kilmarnock, Twice Told Tales in Kilmarnock, EVB Bank in Kilmarnock, Lamberth's Building Supply in White Stone, the Family Life Center, and by calling calling 435-9886, or 435-1165.

Proceeds will support White Stone Church of the Nazarene missions worldwide.

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Boots and Barbecue event returns to Sabine Hall Farm

Members and friends of the Northern Neck Land Conservancy (NNLC) will gather September 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. for their third annual membership party.

Soon after the founding of the NNLC in 2004, the first Boots and Barbecue picnic was held on the lawns of the main house at Sabine Hall, home of Carter and Pris Wellford. The following year, the Tayloe family at Mount Airy hosted the event at their historic plantation home. This year, Sabine Hall Farm is again the venue, but NNLC members will gather at Juggs Farm, located a mile and a half beyond the main house. The original twin crib building may have dated back, in part, to the 17th century. In 1999, it underwent extensive renovation and now boasts modern facilities, in addition to a charming verandah surrounding the home on three sides.

The program will include two new features. Guests will have the opportunity to take part in a silent auction, featuring a number of desirable prizes. These include a dove shoot for 20 hunters on the Sabine Hall property, sponsored by Carter Welford; two personal birdwatch outings with Sandy Spencer and Joe McCauley of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service; a trip for two on the skipjack Claud Somers out of Reedville Fishermen's Museum; and a VIP wine tasting at Ingleside Vineyards. The bidding will be open from 5 p.m. and the winners will be announced at the conclusion of the dinner.

In addition, a number of local conservation organizations will set up information booths in front of the barn, offering educational displays and the chance to talk with representatives.

For an invitation, call 435-2814, or email to info@nnconserve.org.

Call issued for chili cook-off

Chili by the Rivah III will be held September 23 at the Upper Lancaster Volunteer Fire Department pavilion off Route 3 in Lively.

The Bethel Emmanuel United Methodist Men are seeking chili cooking teams and arts and crafts vendors to participate.

The festival will host musical entertainment, chili cooks and vendors, fun for the children and a 5k event.

Music will be provided by "Code Blue," an energetic band featuring traditional and contemporary Bluegrass and their own compositions; and the duo of Donnie and Lisa Redfoot, specializing in gospel, bluegrass and folk music.

Gates open at 10 a.m. Admission is $5 for folks ages 12 and older, free for those younger. Proceeds will go the Animal Welfare League.

No alcoholic beverages will be sold or distributed at the festival.

Call 462-5790 or go to BEUMM.org for details.

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Farm tour is Sept. 2 in Northumberland

The Down on the Farm 2006 tour will feature two family operations in Northumberland County. One is a traditional corn and soybean operation. The other has a cannery and produces aquaculture oysters.

The farms will be open for tours September 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bearcroft Farms, owned and operated by Monty Swann, is a grain farm that has been in the family since 1865. Swann farms about 1,500 acres of corn, wheat and soybeans using the latest equipment and techniques, including satellite guidance and environmental best management practices. Bearcroft was presented with the Clean Water Farm Award in 2000.

Foresters and wildlife experts will provide hay wagon rides around farm woods and explain modern forestry practices.

Among other special exhibits, Carolyn Balderson of Cimarron Forestry Services will use a portable kiln to demonstrate how quality lump charcoal is made. Samples will be for sale. John Magruder of Three Rivers Forestry will demonstrate how to make boards from logs with a portable saw mill.

The second tour is at the Cowart Canning Facility and the Cowart Seafood Corporation. The family has been in canning and oyster production and processing since 1908. Tomatoes were the mainstay of the canning operation for many years until competition and other factors made it unprofitable. Today, Lake Packing Co. still cans Manning's Hominy and Tidewater Herring Roe.

The Cowart Seafood Corp. is an oyster growing and processing company that shucks and packs fresh and frozen oysters year round. Cowart Seafood and Bevans Oyster Co. are developing an extensive oyster aquaculture program to ensure Chesapeake Bay oyster production.

To visit the farms, get a brochure and follow the maps. The brochures will soon be available at the Tidewater RC&D, the Northern Neck Tourism Council, Northern Neck Cooperative Extension, local businesses and libraries. Call 443-1118.

Participating agencies include the Virginia Department of Forestry, Northern Neck Soil and Water Conservation District, Tidewater Resource Conservation and Development and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Oyster gardening workshop set for September 16 at VIMS

The Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association (TOGA) will hold its 10th annual Float Building Workshop on Saturday, September 16, at Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point.

To reach the workshop just follow the TOGA signs from the public boat ramp parking lot at Gloucester Point beach and fishing pier. There will be hands-on instruction in oyster float building and short educational sessions on starting and maintaining an oyster garden.

The cost for this workshop is $75 for members and $85 for non-members (includes a one year membership). Pre-registration is required. A registration form is available on-line at www.oystergardener.org. Click on the hyperlink Oyster Float Workshop.

Oyster seed will be available at a reduced price for orders placed prior to 4 p.m. on September 14. To get the reduced price, seed orders must be placed separately via the instructions on the registration form.

Attendees will leave this workshop with the skills, supplies and information to launch a hobby in oyster gardening. For further information, contact Steve Wann at 229-7754 or Chan Chandler at 725-5898.

TOGA is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the Bay's oyster population.

Final 'Groovin' concert is Sept. 2 in Deltaville

On Saturday, September 2, at 6 p.m., "Jumbo Lump Daddy and the Backfin Boys" will be on the wagon stage on the side lawn of Yates House Gallery in Deltaville.

Voted "Best of the Bay" by Pleasant Living readers, this multi-talented foursome provides foot-tapping and dancing music and tunes that make you want to sing along. Their easy-listening folk, rock, country and beach style repertoire is always a hit.

Everyone is invited to bring chairs, food, drink and friends and enjoy this outdoor concert. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are $5 for everyone over 12 years of age. The ticket proceeds benefit the gallery. For tickets or information, call 776-8505.

Deltaville Farmers Market is Sept. 23

The Deltaville Farmers Market will be held Saturday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the front lawn of Yates House Fine Art & Craft Gallery in Deltaville.

There are a number of vendors selling a variety of produce and handmade items, such as woven scarves, wooden pens, wreaths, pillows, shirts, vests and jewelry from various designers.

The Deltaville Farmers' Market will continue on the fourth Saturday of each month through November.

Inquiries regarding the market should be directed to Blanche Scharf at 694-9130.

Halloween Parade planned in Mathews

An old-fashioned Halloween Costume Parade will begin at the Mathews County Courthouse green at noon on Saturday, October 28. Halloween activities, including trick-or-treat, continue until 3 p.m. There is no admission charge. Call 725-4229 for more information.

Montross Fall Festival parade is Oct. 7

Sheriff Charles W. "Buddy" Jackson of Westmoreland County will be Grand Marshal of the Montross Fall Festival Parade October 7 at 1 p.m.

Prizes of $100 and $200 will be awarded for the best appearing fire department, rescue squad, commercial unit, novelty unit, school unit, school band, scout unit, civic unit, car and equestrian unit.

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October 14 at Deltaville

The Holly Point Art & Seafood Festival will be held in Deltaville on Saturday, October 14, on the grounds of The Deltaville Maritime Museum, which is located on the banks of Mill Creek.

There will be over 50 regional arts and crafts displays.

In the afternoon there will be a seafood festival with the finest the Chesapeake Bay has to offer.

The museum's replica of Capt. John Smith's barge "Explorer" will be on display. Other exhibits include a 34-foot log canoe, and the "F.D. Crockett," a 64-foot-long log buyboat that is under restoration.

There will be a drawing for Capt. Ferdinand the Wonder Horse. Visitors can tour the museum, the Children's Garden and the famous fish-shaped wildflower garden known as "Bubba. There is also a Nature Walk for bird-watching and observing wildlife.

Admission and parking are free, and there will be a drawing for door prizes. To coincide with the Holly Point Art and Seafood Festival, the new "Godspeed" will be visiting at Fishing Bay Harbor Marina and will be open for tours on October 14.

Ballet dancers to perform in Deltaville

The Yates House Gallery on Route 33 in Deltaville will host its fourth salon of the summer on the side lawn on Sunday, September 4, at 3 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, October 1.

The Hampton Roads Civic Ballet will be dancing to the theme of "Change" and four poets, Ann Shalaski, Mike Correa, Hollis Pruitt and Xennia Long, are scheduled to read original works,.

Classical musicians will also perform.

Guests should bring a lawn chair. Refreshments will be served.

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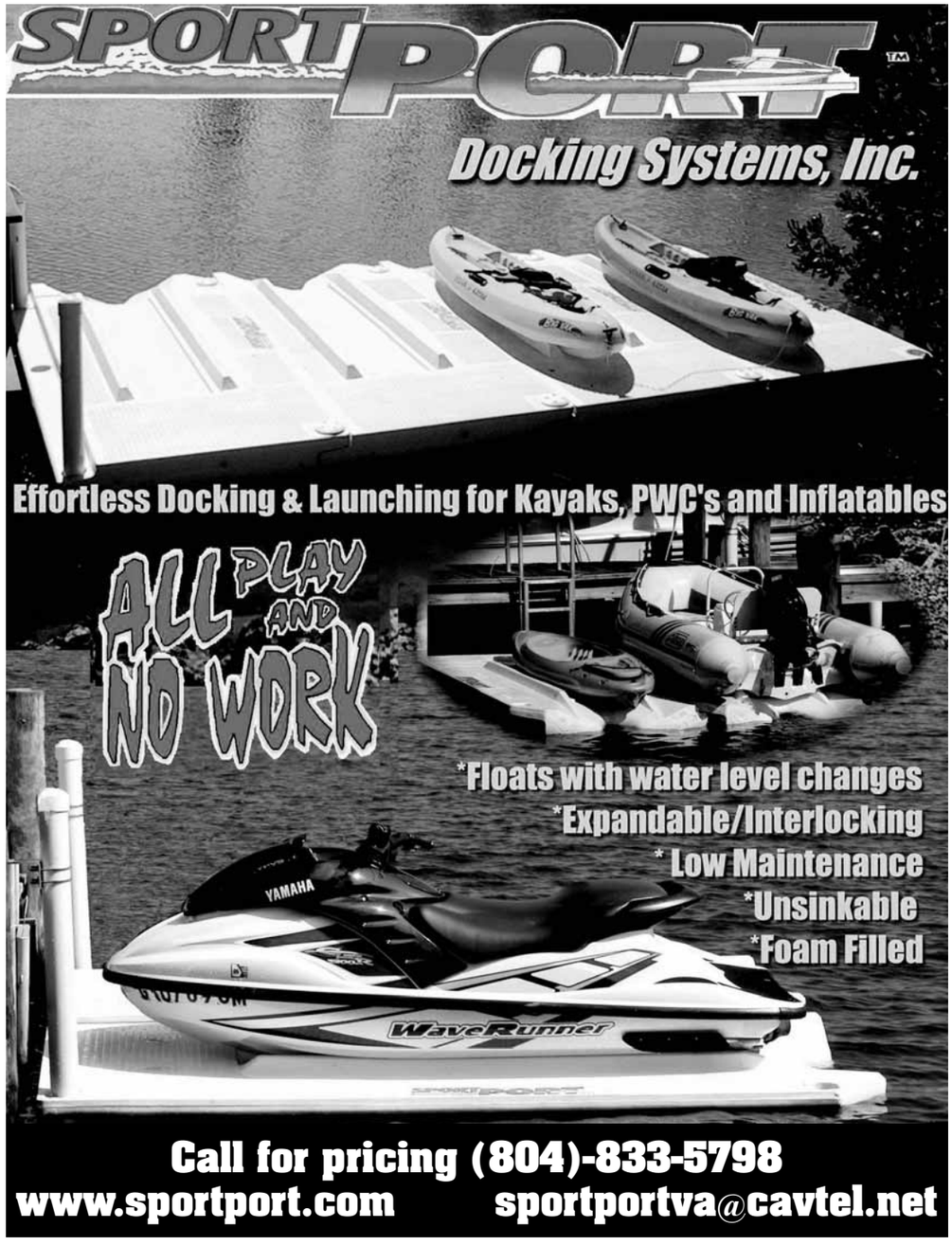
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