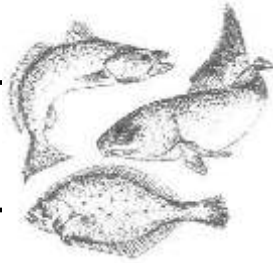


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## **NEXT MEETING**

Date: January 26, 2010 (Last Tues. of the Month)

Time: 1800 Hours (6PM)

Place: VFW Hall (Near the Beaufort Airport)

Dinner: \$10.00 person ( Meat Loaf & fixins)

Speaker: Don Willis

Topic: Innovations in tackle and lures

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## *President's Corner*

Let me begin my first President's corner by echoing Tom Temple in the last newsletter---WOW!! Where did the year go? Seems the older we get the faster time goes.

I would also like to thank the board members for their hard work. The club would not function without this group of dedicated volunteers who sometimes also go fishing. I would like to give a special thanks to the following:

- ~ Tony Michalek for taking over the news letter duties
- ~ Norm Price for all the years of doing the newsletter and who continues to be the clubs secretary
- ~ Judy Price for keeping track of the clubs finances---always let a lady take care of the money
- ~ Tom Temple and Judy Price for designing and making the Christmas Tree Ornaments for the past two years
- ~ Bill Steemland for taking over the tournaments from Merle Miller who did an outstanding job
- ~ Dan Giffin for his work on special events
- ~ Glenn Curtis for keeping us fed at the meetings
- ~ Bob Contey for lining up the excellent program speakers over the years; and last but certainly not least
- ~ Lee Danzler for always jumping in and volunteering on special projects.

I hope I have not forgotten anyone who has gone above and beyond.

Speaking of volunteer's, we need someone to take over the speaker program next year as Bob Contey will be retiring. We also need someone to step up and help Dan Giffin on special events this year and to take over the committee next year.

It's going to be an exciting year. The newsletter will be transitioning from snail mail to PDF emails and being posted on the Club Web Site. It will still be available to those of you who do not own a computer. No one will be left out.

One last thing---be sure to return 2010 membership survey. The board needs your input. Please pay attention to Question #3, share the ride/catch a ride and mark Yes or No.

***Thanks, Rich Leckert***



## **MEETING CHECK-IN**

We have been having a small problem with attendance head count and meal head count. So we ask that you please check in with Judi at the front desk at the membership meetings. Judi will record the fact that you attended the meeting and that you paid for the meal. If you are not going to eat, please check in with Judi anyway.

## **Dues & Survey**

By this time you should have received your membership renewal notice. The cost for individual/family membership remains at \$25. Your membership dues can be paid either by mail or at a membership meeting.

Please complete the 2010 Survey also mailed with your renewal notice, and either mail it to the club or bring it to the January meeting. The Board uses the information from the survey to plan the years' activities and events. If you do not find the appropriate question to address your wishes, or concerns; feel free to write them on the survey or convey them directly to a Board member. The Board will discuss your input when planning the special events, tournaments, speaker programs, meetings, and other activities for 2010. There will be a special \$25 drawing at the January meeting for all those turning in a completed survey prior to the start of the meeting (either mail it to the SLTFC PO Box or turn it in at the door the night of the meeting). Extra copies will be available at the door. All family members are invited to submit a survey and be eligible for the \$25 raffle prize.

***Norm Price, SLTFC Secretary***



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## HEALTH & WELFARE

Jim Jabolnski is still a resident at the Britthaven Nursing Home in Newport. Visitors welcome and Wanted.

I just came back from Pitt Memorial Hospital where I just left Dan Curtin (a new member) and his wife Robin. Dan has had an abdominal problem for some time now. I appears he suffered a tear in one of the membranes causing an abdominal fluid intrusion. Doctors are giving a dim prognosis. I prefer to believe he will make it. It will be a tough fight and he will need all of our prayers. Dan had battled something like this once before and won. I'm believing he will do it again. In any case I will be at Pitt and give him the best wishes and prayers from all of us.



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## Bull Drum Challenge

There are several local fishing clubs, primarily that fish on the Neuse River, that sponsor a catch and release Red Drum tournament during the fall called the "Bull Drum Challenge". They asked our club to participate as a sponsor in 2010. The SLTFC would have a representative on the tournament committee helping with the details of this year's tournament. The prizes are donated by local businesses with all the entry fees being donated to charities. Some of the preliminary details being discussed are:

Tournament headquarters are at the Whittaker Pointe Marina in Oriental

Fishing time is from 1:00 PM until 8:30 PM on a Saturday in September

Entry fee being discussed is \$100 per boat (limited to 25 boats)

Prizes for the greatest number of spots on a Red Drum (27 inches +)

I am requesting that anyone interested in participating; please contact Norm Price at 728-2083 or [nprice@ec.rr.com](mailto:nprice@ec.rr.com). I will also be asking for a "show of hands" at the January club meeting. We will only participate if there is enough interest and we can only fish in the tournament if we are a sponsor.

*Norm Price*



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Four Thoughts to Ponder for 2010

*Number 1*

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day,  
teach a person to use the Internet and  
they won't bother you for weeks.

*Number 2*

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday,  
lying in hospitals, dying of nothing.

*Number 3*

Why does a slight tax increase cost you \$200.00,  
and a substantial tax cut saves you \$30.00?

*Number 4*

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world  
weird. Now the world is Weird and people take  
Prozac to make it normal.

## About the SLTFC

The Saltwater Light Tackle Fishing Club meets the last Tuesday of each month except November and December and is open to anyone who enjoys the thrill of catching fish on light tackle. The club's focus is on inshore and offshore species with a special emphasis on conservation.

The SLTFC is designed to provide a social atmosphere for the exchange of fishing information. We have monthly speakers, club member presentations and club tournaments, all designed to increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the sport. Anyone interested in learning more about tackle, techniques and places to fish is invited to join the Club.

***New Members Welcome***

## Newsletter Changes

Starting January 2010, the newsletter will be made available in three formats as follows:

- 1) Mailed to your home as usual
- 2) Put on the SLTFC Web Site  
[www.adamscreek.com/SLTFC](http://www.adamscreek.com/SLTFC)
- 3) Emailed to you as a PDF file.

July 2010, we will no longer mail the newsletter to your home, and will either continue emailing or make it available via the SLTFC Web Site, Based on your input as to which method you prefer.

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**Dr. Bogus' New Year's Fishing News**

For the winter months, as usual, I will be publishing an abbreviated version of the fishing report when there is something to report and may occasionally miss a report...or not. Hope you all have a great New Year, 2010.

Dr. Bogus  
 They should start pumping sand at the EI point soon. When done they will reopen the vehicle access at the point.

Ice on the creeks and my fishing rod guides this morning. It felt great when the sun came over the trees. Just some small specks around which shut off or wend down creek on the outgoing tide. There were big fish caught down creek in the warmer saltier water. Probably time for real baiters to get out the mud minnows. Don't forget the winter black drum in the creeks just looking for a piece of shrimp. Should be able to find 1-5 pounders in the creeks and around the oyster beds.

Lots (thousands of pounds) of dead trout showing up in the creeks and creeks are iced over. North River really took a hit. Bert Owens, president of CCA-Crystal Coast Chapter, sent me a few pics (thanks Bert). Any snow will only make things worse. Maybe we'll see some stripers pushed down to the shoals this year, it's certainly cold enough.

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## Continued from Pg5 Dr. Bogus

Here is the note I got from Bert: Crystal Coast CCA members: 2010 has not started well for those of us who like to catch Speckled Trout or Black Drum. No doubt you've heard about the cold kill up the North River where thousands of pounds of Specks have been scooped up in dip nets. I rode up there to have a look and took a few pictures. As it turns out the Speck Advisory Committee meets at 4 PM tomorrow in New Bern. The primary topic is coldstun events. I plan to go and speak in favor of the commercial season being shut for the remainder of the winter and the recreational being catch-and-release only.

Note from Tim Ellis, graduate student involved with the speckled trout tagging study: ...so far it seems Carteret County is the only one affected thus far. No cold kill reports from the Pungo, the Pamlico, the New, or the Neuse Rivers...yet. Hopefully the fact that these rivers run a little deeper (as compared to North River) will help save the trout in those systems. I did sample in North River yesterday and yes, there were a lot of fish and probably about 5-7 boats working it until dark. I think just as many boats are working in Jarrett Bay right now so I expect to hear of a few 1000 pounds coming out of there today. Trout were definitely the predominant species, but we also found stunned croaker, black drum, and puppy drum. Hope all is well, Tim.

Striper Update: Capt. Gary Dubiel is catching some nice stripers in New Bern area around the bridges.

Weather, everyone complains about it and still nobody does anything about it and it always has a dominant effect on fishing, both from the fish's viewpoint as well as the angler's ability to fish and get to the fish. More wind, more rain and the possibility of excessive cold are now on the menu for this week. The wind has already shut down most boaters going offshore, the most recent rainfall has pushed the speck back down the creeks and the cold, if

we really get teens, may kill some fish.

Offshore had been problematic, but IF you can get there are some bluefin tuna, but they appear to have either moved out or south right now. The bluefinners are however getting nice catches of king mackerel and blackfin tuna pulling horse ballyhoo meant for the giants. The kings have been caught from Northwest places out to Big-10/Little-10 and blackfin tuna from there on out to 240-Rock.

All the water in EI? Apparently we had about 25-inches of rain in the last two months. They are still pumping, at least that which is still not frozen.

Highway-24 creeks have been producing some fish lately. I've caught several nice fish to 3-pounds, but the netters and recent rains have fixed that!!! Heavy netting occurred last week of days wiping out the resident trout populations, and another two inches of rain "freshe" up the creeks again. One place that has been hot for the last several weeks is and continues to be one of the Neuse River creeks on the north side of the river, Upper Broad Creek, and I've heard this from several independent sources. Fish are still big and still biting. The jetties at Radio Island and Cape Lookout are still producing mainly small fish.

Fishing is really slow due to the exceptional cold. Ricky Kellum is still catching a few specks down in the New River areas and some drum too. He hasn't seen any dead fish yet. There are some drum active in the creeks, usually towards the mouth and lots of drum have come out of the sounds back into the ocean looking for warmer water and heading south. Thus, there have been many thousands of drum reported off Bear I. on their way south. Who knows, maybe there are some in the EI surf around the inlet. I have heard of slot and above drum around Radio I., probably heading out!

Note: The Ask Dr. Bogus Fishing show, heard every Monday morning at 7:30 on WTKF, 107.1 FM and 1240 AM can now be accessed on the Coastal Daybreak Facebook web page.

## LAST GASP FOR THIS YEAR'S TROUT AND DRUM

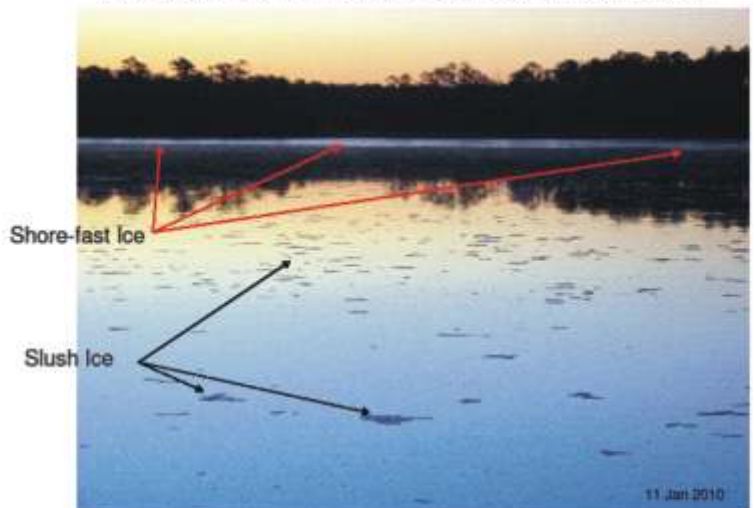
I Woke up this morning to a sight I've never seen since moving here in 2002 - slush ice all along the ICW (Adams Creek near Marker 14) ... and a lot shore-fast ice up against the marsh in Jerry Bay. (See pictures.)

The far shore is about 1/4 mile away. Water temp at end of my dock was 34 degrees. Doesn't bode well for creek trout and drum this year in this neck of the woods, but may not be the same off the beach. Last Wednesday my brother-in-law and I picked up a 27" drum and 18" flounder in 65 feet of water near AR285. Kept a dozen and a half black sea bass as well - all larger than 14", some much larger. All were stuffed with 4" minnows. Once you got into the 50+ ft water, the water temps were ~62 degrees. Which means that if we get a nice day there will be fish off the beach in deeper water - all within sight of Cape Lookout light.

*(This article had many contributors)*



Intracoastal Waterway – Jerry Bay Adams Creek near Marker 14



### *Judging The Weather*

After many years of living on the Crystal Coast and fishing Onslow Bay, I have finally accepted the Down East method for accurately predicting the actual weather conditions that one will encounter when they venture out fishing. The way it works is: If Newport predicts 5 to 10 knot winds, you add them together and you get 15 knots, which is what you will actually see out there. If it is supposed to be 10 to 15, the actual winds will be 25 knots and soon. You get the drift (actually you won't at that wind speed).

-Dan Giffin

### **Who's Catching**

No one has reported in on what was being caught, which leaves very little to report.

I did go out with Jim Parsons on that speed demon craft of his. (It seemed like we covered six miles in about 2.5 min flat and what a smooth ride. (I'm going to start feeding my boat steroids. Any way we (he) did manage to pick up two 19 inch speckled Trout. I can tell you that night they tasted great right off the BBQ.

Tony Michalek

Just as I'm writing this article, Jim Parsons sent in the following. See page 8

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As I was finishing this somewhat mundane article an Email rang clear on my computer. Jim Parson had sent me information on his last adventure.

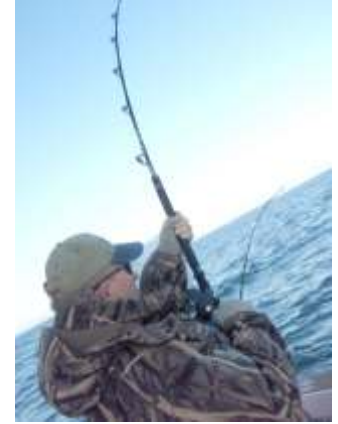
On Jan 14, 2010 he and a few friends went up to Virginia Beach to charter a off shore trip on the SeaDuction. They were off shore only a few mile and south of the VA.-NC border (about 10 miles) when they started taking on stripers,



as you can see by the pictures. Most of the fish taken and kept were between 20-37lbs and healthy as heck. Their bait was artificial lures (I forgot to asked what type) that seemed to be just perfect for the cold flat water they were working.

I have to think that this is a good sign that Stripers and other game fish are making their way south so our deep water sportsmen can have a shot at them. Darn nice of these fish to do that.

*If there are any mistakes in this letter I apologize,  
My memory's not as sharp as it used to be  
. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.*



## Don't Waste Winter Fishing Opportunities

About this time of the year in addition to all the seed catalogs and ads for post-holiday exercise equipment, the sports-oriented TV channels start with their preemptive fishing shows blitz. Some of these program re actually very good and offer helpful suggestions on tackle, techniques and places and time to go fishing. Some actually are specific to our area. Others offer examples of where to go that can be extrapolated to our area. The following is a summary of the shows that I've found helpful, in rank order of relevance to our area. Each of these shows provide varying levels of "specific suggestions," with the Carolina Fishing TV show the best of the lot (Jeff Cronk, co-host, is scheduled to be one of our speakers later this winter). So you'll learn a little with each show that over time does add up in your fish box. So, until the cold and winds abate, check these shows out. Note: The channel listings are for DirecTV. Other satellite and/or cable channel listings may differ. I believe only channels 15 and 25 are available to the rabbit ears crowd.

Network/Channel	When	Show Title
14 / Fox	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	Carolina Fishing TV
25 / UNC-TV	Saturdays	Carolina Outdoor Journal
ESPN2	Weekends – Various times	World of Saltwater Fishing
15	Weekends – Various times	Reel Animals Fishing
Pursuit Channel	Various	Saltwater Experience
ESPN2	Saturdays	Spanish Fly





