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The article on pages 8 and 9 by Joe Bucher was found on the net by Ray Carroll. I have often wondered about the tables because I never understood them. The source is:

http://www.solunar.com/the_real_scoop.aspx

I usually fish whenever I get a chance to go. I found the article very informative.



A report on the Fishing Show

We sold \$865 worth of T-shirts and other stuff which was quite a bit more than last year. We also received two paid memberships. This week, I will send the free membership drawing winners a note and invite them to next Tuesday's club meeting.

Be sure to welcome the new members

They are: Anthony Dillon and Mark Powell



Fishing Reports

Let your fishing friends know where you are fishing by keep the fishing reports.. Use the form on page 7. If you have pictures send them to me for the newsletter. Form on page 7



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ARTICLES

Fishing reports, tips, editorials, classified ads for boats & fishing tackle, seafood recipes, articles, tackle recommendations or criticisms etc are welcomed. Send via E-mail (preferable) , snail mail, scribbled notes or by phone calls.

The newsletter goes to print on the first Monday prior to the week of the meeting. Short, last minute reports may be submitted by email and may be able to be inserted up to 8 days before.



DOWNEAST VACATION- two homes on tidal estuary Sleepy Creek, Gloucester, four miles from Cape Lookout, secluded acres, sleeps up to 12.

Fishing, oystering, clamming, biking, kayaking, family reunion, well-behaved pets.. Public boat launch ramp (2 miles), celkins143@bellsouth.net, 919-933-1119



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See how it has improved. Send any comments good or bad to Jason Fant webmaster@rswsc.org He does want input to have a web site the club can be proud of. webmaster@rswsc.org.

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www.rswsc.org under events
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If you are a member of Facebook, you can now go to the RSWSC Facebook page, view recent photos, and participate in discussions. If not a member, you can join at www.facebook.com

You can find the Club by doing a "Search" for The Raleigh Salt Water Sportfishing Club. Remember -- you need to join Facebook to be able to see the information.

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Dressing for Cold Weather Surf Fishing & Other Activities

It's early December and with the hope that the striped bass may show up in the surf, it's time to head to the Outer Banks and soak some bait. PRIORITY ONE is staying warm and dry. One of the best ways to cope with the wide range of weather conditions you can experience on the North Carolina coast is to dress in layers.

BASE LAYER serves one purpose — to wick moisture (perspiration) away from your skin.

- *Polypropylene or polyester long underwear (shirt and pants)*
Polypropylene or polyester sock liners
(Shop Dick's, REI, Great Outdoor Provision Company, etc. for base layer clothing.)

MIDDLE LAYER is for warmth and should be either fleece or wool because these materials provide insulation even when damp or wet. Avoid wearing cotton or down garments because these materials absorb moisture and lose their insulating property. When the weather and the water are cold, wearing damp jeans can be a lot like skinny-dipping. Also, there is nothing that says that you can't have multiple middle layers. You can wear a fleece top over a wool shirt. Put on as many layers as you need to stay warm and comfortable. You may look like the Michelin Man, but you'll be dry and cozy.

- *Bottoms: Fleece pajama bottoms (look for sales or shop discount stores like TJ Maxx, etc. — bought some for \$10)*
- *Top: Wool shirt and/or fleece top*
Socks: Heavy wool or wool-polyester blend

OUTER LAYER keeps the wet and wind out.
Bottoms: Gore-Tex breathable waders (I use "Velcro Strap" gently snugged up around my ankles to keep my fleece pants from riding up and my socks from falling down. "Velcro Strap" has hooks on one side and the other side is the fuzzy material. Find it at Lowe's or Home Depot. It's great stuff for a variety of applications.)

Neoprene waders work well and keep you warm, but they trap perspiration. After wearing them a few hours they work a lot like a wet suit, but they keep you warm.

If you're not going to be wading, wear Gore-Tex pants to beat the wind and rain.

- *Top: Either a warm fleece-lined, nylon outer-shell jacket or more often a Gore-Tex, breathable rain parka with hood.*
Hat: Always carry a 100% wool knit cap or a fleece hat that covers your ears and forehead.

A PS to this article is to use hand and foot warmers. On New Years Eve day we went out and dresses partly for cold weather. We were cold and the foot and had warmers helped us some., but no fish. ed

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Applications being accepted for new red drum license plate

MOREHEAD CITY – The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries is accepting applications for a newly- approved North Carolina license plate that pays homage to the state’s saltwater fish.

Red Drum was officially adopted as North Carolina’s state saltwater fish in 1971.

The new plate features an illustration of a red drum against a background of sea grass. The top of the plate reads, “RED DRUM” and the bottom reads “NORTH CAROLINA.”

The cost is \$30 for a regular plate or \$60 for a personalized plate per year in addition to the regular license plate fee.

Download a photo of and application for the red drum plates at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/red-drum-license-plate1>.

Revenue from the sale of red drum plates is earmarked to fund public access to and habitat protection of red drum waters.

The red drum tag is the twin of a new native brook trout license plate that features the state’s freshwater fish.

The two license plates were the brainchild of Jon Jicha, a professor in Western Carolina University’s School of Art and Design.

“My contribution is gratifying in that it targets public awareness for our valuable resources,” Jicha said. “Native species of any kind need support for their continued existence.”

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The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles will not issue the red drum license plate until 500 applications are received.

For more information about applying for the red drum plates, contact Patricia Smith at 252-808-8025 or Tricia.Smith@ncdenr.gov.

To apply for native brook trout plates, see the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission website at <http://www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing/NativeBrookTroutLicensePlate.aspx>.

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Angler (Club Member): _____
(Age if Junior/Youth angler)

Small Boat **Charter** **Pier** **Surf** (circle one)

Location: _____ Date: _____

Best Catch: Species: _____

Weight _____ lbs _____ oz Length _____ ins

Released yes no (circle one)

Comments: _____

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Surfers Attention

In addition to staying warm wear the Wading Belt.

Life Saving Accessory — Wading Belt

Use a heavy woven belt (a divers weight belt works well) over the Gore-Tex parka. This prevents your waders from filling up with water should you take a spill. Always wear a belt tightly cinched when you're wearing waders whether you have a jacket on or not. Wearing a zipped up, water repellent jacket over the waders with a belt will further reduce the amount of water that finds its way in should you fall. Recently, I saw a woman fishing in the Nag's Head Surf Tournament take a fall in the surf. Her waders filled with water. She had to be pulled out of the water by her teammates. She was not wearing a belt around her wader tops. It's a good thing assistance was nearby.



The Real Scoop on Solunar Tables by Joe Bucher

Full Moon or Dark Moon? Major and minor solunar periods? Which is best?

Does any of this moon mumbo jumbo make any real sense nor does it actually work? These are legitimate questions asked by thousands of anglers each year, and they deserve concrete answers backed up by some bona-fide data. Yet as much as pro anglers endorse the effectiveness of moon charts and outdoor publications of every niche' continue to print them, rarely does either source validate these solunar claims with data.

It's not hard to find a solunar table of some kind. Nearly every fishing publication today publishes some kind of monthly solunar table, moon chart, activity calendar, action graph, or other similar version. All of these tables, charts, and calendars claim to predict daily feeding activity of fish with accordance to moon and solar influences. Yet, I, like so many other anglers, rarely find any consistent correlation with most of these references.

Finally, back in 1976, when I got into the fishing guide business full time, I really made it a point to compare my fishing catches to a number of solunar charts. Once I started logging my catches on a daily basis I developed a good data base. This finally put me in a position to compare hundreds of muskies, and thousands of bass and walleyes on a daily, monthly, and yearly basis to any printed solar/lunar reference. One of my key entries was the time of day. I figured a daily entry of fish activity would finally give me a mound of fishing data to compare with the various solar/lunar references on a given day to day basis. What followed convinced me that certain solar/lunar criteria simply had little or no daily influence.

Basically, I became so frustrated and disappointed with the lack of any real consistent correlation to most of the popular magazine charts today that I gave up on them completely. They simply did not work. I actually caught far more fish when they weren't supposed to bite. And when good fish and game activity did coincide, which was less than 10% of the time, it was plainly obvious that it actually had much more to do with the local weather changes than any predicted major or minor solunar period.

You would have thought that my accumulated research would have cured me from ever looking at a solunar chart again, but it did just the opposite. Why? Because I ended up discovering a certain solar/lunar influence that really did work. In fact, it worked so well that it was hard to believe at first. My daily fishing logs had surely disputed the commonly accepted correlations, but they just as surely pointed to indisputable evidence that a "certain" solar/lunar factor was really important.

Yes, I had flipped 180 degrees on the entire solar/lunar deal. I went from totally disbelieving to being totally convinced. In fact, I eventually got to the point where I myself began to predict the most probable daily, monthly and even yearly times when the biggest fish were most apt to bite. And what's even more incredible, was that I was right almost every single time! But perhaps what was even more unbelievable to me was that everyone else had missed this simple but really absolutely true key.

The real secret, I discovered, to solar/lunar influences on a daily basis was nothing more than knowing when the sun and moon rose and set on a 24 hour basis. That's right, it was simply a matter of knowing, to the minute, when the sun came up and went down, and when the moon came up and went down each and every day. My 21 year old fishing log revealed without question that fish were active during a 90 minute window surrounding each one of these four daily influences.

Now, I realize this sounds overly obvious, but I told you it would. Most of the solar/lunar charts, tables and graphs you see depicted in today's publications do not reveal nor coincide with these four vital factors. 1) sun rise, 2) sun set, 3) moon rise, and 4) moon set. Yet it doesn't take an astrologist to figure out how important the rise and set of the sun and moon has to be.

It's certainly no secret that feeding movements of both fish and game have been traditionally accepted as key during dawn and dusk -- this correlates with sun rise and sun set. Moon rise and set is a bit more tricky to key in on though since they can often occur at mid day or mid night. Overcast weather can also make it impossible to see a moon rise or set, and of course a dark/new moon is not visible to begin with.

The other "super secret" my logs revealed was the predictable frequency of big fish catches during the peak moon phases of full and new moon. Specifically, a lot more big muskies, walleyes, and bass were taken right on the scheduled calendar day of both the full or new (dark) moon peak, and continued for a three to five day stretch afterwards. In other words, if the full moon peak is on June 10th, June 10 thru 15 have great potential for trophies.

Backing up a bit, the four daily factors previously discussed (the rise and set of both the sun and moon) inside each one of these predictable monthly moon peaks (four days on the back side of the full or new moon) further nails it down. In other words, you want to plan your fishing trips to hit the peak of the full or new moon. Then you want to be on your favorite big fish spots during the daily rise and set of both the sun and the moon.

Finally, my logs revealed a third factor that really adds impact to this entire solunar secret. That unpredictable third influence is local weather. Whenever a local weather change coincides with the daily rise or set of either the sun or the moon, during a peak monthly moon period, big things happen in bunches. Big things meaning big fish. For example, give me a severe summer T-storm right at sunset, and just before moon rise during the new moon period and it's almost a sure bet that that I'm going to bag big muskies or the year's biggest catch of lunker walleyes.

Or just as good -- put me on a steep rocky shoreline with some spawning ciscoes right at the start of a snow storm in the late fall just after sunrise and right before moon set during a full moon period. Big muskies, big pike, big walleyes and big lakers will be snappin'.

Could there be a fourth factor? Absolutely. In fact, there might even be a 5th or 6th. However, an easy-to-detect 4th factor of influence that adds even more impact to an already good situation is a change in the photoperiod, or laymen's terms -- a change in season.

Photoperiodism is actually the measured ratio of daylight to darkness. The most drastic changes in the photoperiod occur in the spring and fall, but mini-differences are detected inside all seasons which are quickly detected thru their eyes and transmitted to their pituitary gland. The responses to these changes in the photoperiod trigger sexual responses such as reproduction and the development of eggs. This, in turn, also triggers increased movement and feeding binges by normally less active trophy fish.

I do realize how controversial my comments on solunar table validity may seem to some, but the facts speak for themselves. My data clearly points to sun rise, sun set, moon rise and moon set as the most important factors. The simple rise and set of both the sun and moon has far more impact than any other daily sun or moon position. That is, bar none, the single most important daily triggering factor of both fish and game.

Monthly peaks in both the full and new moon are a second factor definitely worth considering. When fish of all sizes are feeding infrequently due to a prolonged streak of bad local weather conditions, that small "window" of three to four days right after the actual moon peaks, full or new, may be the only time that the largest fish of any species is truly catchable. Fishing during the daily rise or set of the sun and moon during these key monthly moon phases is paramount.

Weather is also a legitimate third factor, and helps to elevate the impact of the daily rise and set of the sun or moon. It further elevates the entire realm of big fish possibilities when all three factors happen at relatively the same time. A changing weather pattern combined with a good monthly moon phase and rise or set of either sun or moon can activate some major movement from big fish.

If all of these things happen during a good photoperiod, look out! This is when the biggest fish of the year are generally caught. If you are serious about taking such a fish, I'd suggest you start really paying attention to the real scoop on moon phases!

Trust me -- thousands of entries in my fishing logs can't be wrong. This stuff really works!



PO

**January 20 at
The NC State University Club**

**Captain Seth Vernon
Double Haul Guide Service.**

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING:

The NC State University Club is located off Hillsboro St. between the Beltline (I-440) and NCSU Vet School/State Fairgrounds. The club meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Meetings are open to the public.

6:30 PM

Meal available if you want to eat there

7:30 PM

Meeting & Program

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CCA-NC webpage— <http://www.ccanc.org>**

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