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Mission Statement:
To involve the local community,
businesses and anglers in the
collection of toys and money for
under privileged children during
the Christmas season.

**The 7th Annual Rockfish Tournament will be
held on December 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2010**

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Captain's Corner

Spring is finally here and boy, has it been a long time coming. The last few months have been very busy for us here at Catchin' for Kids. After having a very successful boat show in February we have turned our attention to the Club Challenge and a couple of other exciting events in our future.

I would like to thank Russ, his crew, and all of our volunteers for their help at the boat show. I know I had a great time seeing old friends and making new ones. The best part of the weekend was watching all the kids smile as they left our booth.

By now all of the local anglers clubs should have received an information package and entry forms for the upcoming Club Challenge. This year's Club Challenge will be held at Bay Point Marina in Little Creek Inlet.

Brian Baker and his crew at Vinings Marine are looking forward to hosting us this year and many years to come. This year's event will be August 20th and 21st. At this time we do not anticipate any rules changes, and will once again offer two calcuttas including the world famous Brown Trout Calcutta.

For the first time in many years boat trailer parking will NOT be a problem. Brian has offered us wet slips if we need them, as well as an off-load area for you to bring your day's catch by water if you choose. Brian and his crew at Vinings have gone out of their way to try and make this year's tournament the most angler-friendly ever. We hope to see you there.

As we look forward to our seventh Rockfish Tournament and continue to grow, we are happy to welcome our newest sponsors-- PORTSMOUTH TRAILER SALES and BAY PROPELLER. These fine folks have joined forces to give us a 7 day, 6 night stay in **CANCUN MEXICO** to raffle. Portsmouth Trailer Sales has a long-standing reputation in our community and has tirelessly worked to support the children's charities in Hampton Roads. THANK YOU We look forward to working with you guys for years to come.

Can you see yourself lying on the beach basking in the sun next February???? Your stay will feature world class accommodations for you and five of your friends for the week of January 29th - February 5th, 2011. (Other prizes may be added.)

Tickets are available at Portsmouth Trailer Sales and from any Catchin' for Kids member. (Other sales locations will be added.) Your five dollar donation will help us buy a lot of toys and school supplies for the many underprivileged children in our community.

In closing, I would like to let you in on a little secret, BUT you can't tell anyone...you have to promise... There is a sport fishing show coming to Tidewater next March, so stay tuned for more details.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT
Captain Rick

Jack, I hope you feel better soon.

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

THANKS to the fine folks at PORTSMOUTH TRAILER SALES and BAY PROPELLER we will be selling raffle tickets all summer for a great mid-winter getaway to Cancun, Mexico. The winner and five of your closest friends will have a 7 day, 6 night stay in a five-star resort right on the beach. Donation is only five dollars, and the drawing will be Saturday, August 21 at the Club Challenge awards ceremony.

By the way, once again the Catchin' For Kids group will be very busy all summer and into the fall. We will again be hosting the 19th Annual Anglers Club Challenge. This year's event will be held on August 20th and 21st at BAY POINT MARINA in Little Creek Inlet. It is the first time in the history of this great event that Lynnhaven Inlet will not be home to the tournament. This year's tournament will be the most angler-friendly in recent history. We expect to have more teams than ever, with plenty of parking for everyone.

We look forward to working with Brian Baker and the entire staff at Vinings Marine. We hope to see you and your club there.

The seventh annual CATCHIN' FOR KIDS ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT will be December 10th-12th, and will once again be held at Oceans East 2 tackle store. For more info on this event, as well as on Catchin' for Kids and all our events, check our website,
www.CatchinForKids.org.

Sponsors Corner

It all started way back when...so far back, in fact, the Chesapeake Bay was just a creek and Moby Dick was just a minnow. Well, not quite THAT long, but here is a little history on OCEANS EAST 2 as I know it.

It all started from the trunk of a Buick twenty plus years ago, when Flea markets were very popular. Tom Michaels had a trunkload of junk tackle from here and there and everywhere, and started doing the Tidewater flea market circuit. At the time Tom worked a real job during the week, and sold whatever new and used tackle he could hustle up during the week. It did not take Tom long to figure out there was good money to be made as a tackle store owner.

Tom opened his first store in Aragona. It was a small shop with a very large inventory. This location was open for over twelve years. In that time Tom learned a lot of things. First and foremost was customer service. Tom quickly learned that not only did fish deserve choices, but so did fishermen. You name it, Tom and his crew had it, or they would get it for you in a day or so. Tom also learned that if he supported the local anglers and their clubs they would support him.

In early 2003 Tom opened OCEANS EAST 2 on Northampton Blvd. The new store was much larger, with a boater-friendly parking lot and lots of room to grow. The store was soon expanded, and is now Virginia's largest tackle store. Fresh water, salt water, live baits and frozen baits...if you can think of it, they have or will get it for you.

Tom, Danny and the crew run a first class operation, and they have gone out of their way to help CATCHIN' FOR KIDS and many other children's charities in Tidewater.

The CATCHIN' FOR KIDS group would like to thank Tom, Danny and their crew for their continued support. We look forward to working with them for many years to come.

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CAPTAIN RICK

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