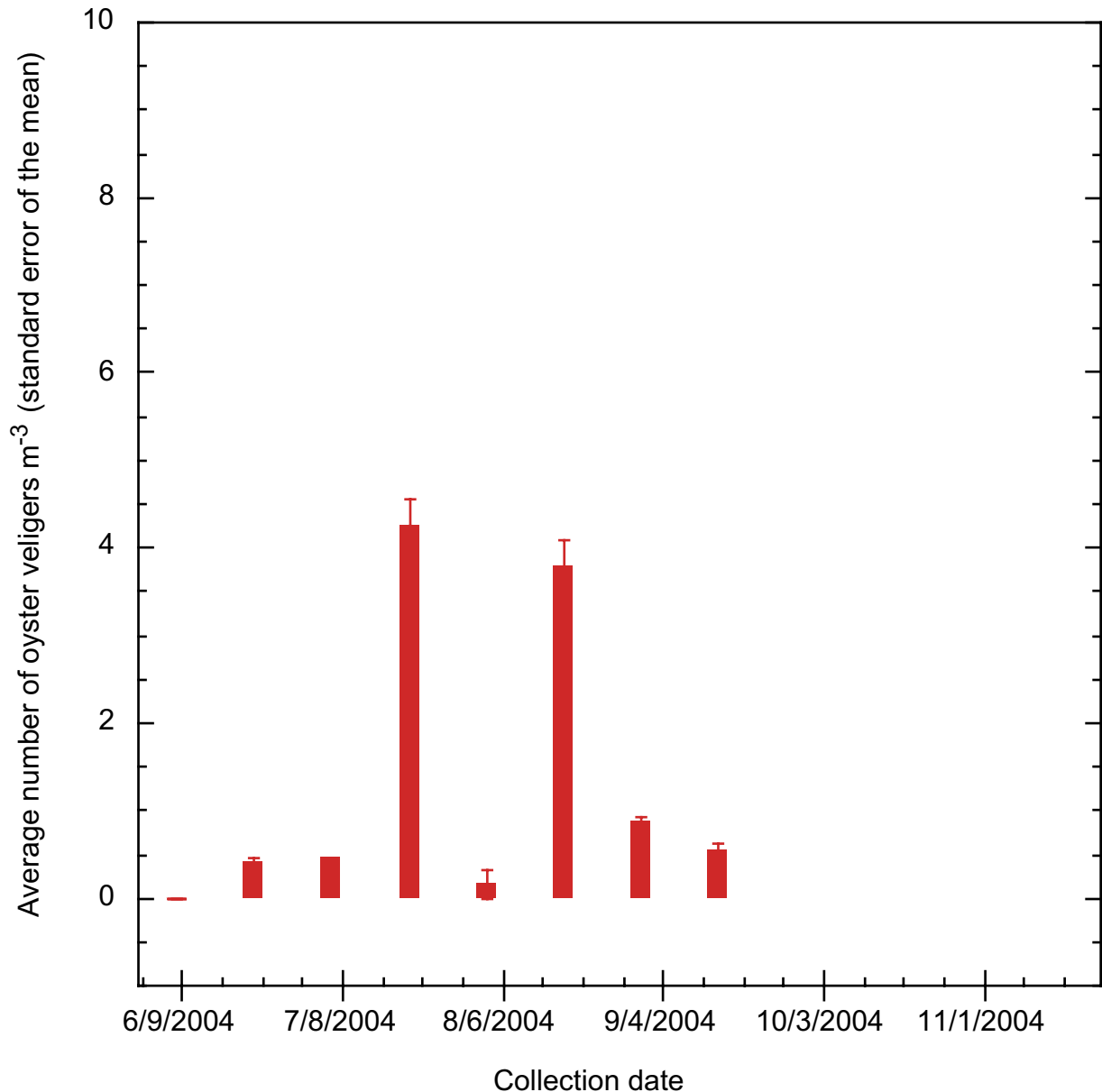


Speaker's Notes: Parrot's Rock Reef, Rappahannock River - Veliger Abundance  
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Parrot's Rock Reef, Rappahannock River  
Average oyster veligers per m<sup>3</sup> per week  
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Oyster veligers were present in the water column near Parrot's Rock Reef from mid June through mid September 2004. Veliger abundance was highest during July and early August with two pulses in veliger abundance observed; 1 each during the second week of July and August. Veliger abundance within an estuary should be highest 2-3 weeks after a spawning event and 1-2 weeks before a recruitment event. The temporal pattern of veliger abundance observed near Parrot's Rock Reef indicates that spawning occurred in the river from mid June through mid July and multiple spawns may have occurred.