



December 2019

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## *Tight Line*

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## Upcoming Events

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**When: Thursday, 12-05-2019 7:00pm.**

**Where: Foundry United Methodist Church,  
2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach next to Beach Ford.**

**Meeting Speaker: None**

**Meeting Subject: Christmas Potluck Dinner and Election**

### **December & Future Information Notes:**

- **Please bring a toy to the meeting for this year's Sea Tow Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive.**
- **Election voting starts at 7 PM.**
- **Be sure to pick up your 2020 calendar from Butch!**
- **Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Foundry United Methodist Food Basket!**

### **This Month's Quote**

**“If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.”  
— Mark Twain**

# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2018

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Bowfin	Jerry Hughes	8.25 lbs.
Yellow Perch	Preston Mangum	12 oz.
Bluefish	John Germanos	3.15 lbs.
Flounder	James Eisenhower	5.25 lbs.
Spadefish	Kelly Hoggard	5lbs. 14oz.

Submissions  
 Virginia Beach Anglers Club:  
[vbanglersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbanglersclub@gmail.com)  
 Kelly Hoggard: 757-416-8817 or  
[fishnkelly@msn.com](mailto:fishnkelly@msn.com)

## Catch-A-Ride

### BOAT

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450 (FWtr)  
 Jeremy Maguire (757) 407-0493  
 Rich Maguire (757) 619-4851  
 Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282  
 Scott Nagen (571) 572-1023

### CREW

Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817  
 Victor Minak (703) 888-8992

*Add your name to either list by sending an email to  
[vbanglersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbanglersclub@gmail.com)*

**Please come and celebrate our annual Christmas potluck dinner at our general meeting on Thursday, December 5. Please bring one of your favorite covered dishes or desserts. Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Come spend time with your fellow anglers and kick off the Christmas holiday season. The club provides plates, cutlery, and drinks (soda and bottled water). See you all there. Don't forget a toy for the Toys for Tots program!**





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**Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2020**

President	Bob Burstein	
1st Vice President	Chris Schneider	
2nd Vice President	Mark Lozier	
Treasurer	Mike Anderson	
Recording Secretary	Russell Willoughby	
Corresponding Secty	Bob Stuhlman	

**Board Members** - Please vote for **FOUR** by placing your mark in the box to the right of your choice

David Anderson	
Ronnie Nixon	
Bryan Watkins	
Ike Eisenhower	

Write In Candidate

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# 2021 Calendar Photos

**Please take pictures at every opportunity and submit them to the club email for the 2021 calendar. Phone shots can be surprisingly good. We see good scenery shots every time we are out and yours could make the calendar! Make subject line “2021 calendar photo”. Email is preferred, however, you can also text to Preston at 757-582-1450.**



# Our 2020 Calendar of Events

## VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	16	BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7 - 9	MID ATLANTIC BOAT SHOW
	15	VBAC AWARDS BANQUET
	20	BOARD MEETING
MARCH	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	14	GREAT BRIDGE FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION FLEA MARKET
	19	BOARD MEETING
	28	CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT
APRIL	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	4	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	16	BOARD MEETING
	25	1 <sup>st</sup> ANNUAL FISH FRY
MAY	1 - 2	OCRACOCKE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – CBF BROCK CENTER
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	16	HUNT FOR HARD HEADS CLUB CHALLENGE
	21	BOARD MEETING
	30	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – SANDBRIDGE
JUNE	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY DAY)
	14	OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – OBX
	27	SETON HOUSE YOUTH FISHING TRIP



# Our 2020 Calendar of Events Continued

JULY	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	11	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	12	OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT
	16	BOARD MEETING
AUGUST	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	9	OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT
	20	BOARD MEETING
	22	2 <sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HEAD BOAT CLUB CHALLENGE
SEPTEMBER	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	5	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	11 - 12	HATTERAS VILLAGE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	13	OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT
	17	BOARD MEETING
	19	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – SANDBRIDGE
	26	LONG BEACH ISLAND SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8 - 9	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	15	BOARD MEETING
	17	FALL OYSTER ROAST – CBF BROCK CENTER
NOVEMBER	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6 - 7	CAPE HATTERAS ANGLER'S CLUB INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	19	BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – CHRISTMAS PARTY & GENERAL ELECTIONS
	5	CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT
	17	BOARD MEETING

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# Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive



Sea Tow Hampton Roads and The Local Angler Clubs will be collecting toys this year for the “Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive”. We will be collecting toys that are new and un-giftwrapped. Last year we were able to collect over 1840 toys due to the Angler Clubs tremendous participation. The only thing we are asking of club members is to bring a toy to your monthly Angler’s Club meeting in the months of October, November and December. Sea Tow Hampton Roads will attend your meeting each month and collect the toys. If for some reason you don’t make the monthly meetings, you can visit [www.facebook.com/SeaTowHamptonRoads](http://www.facebook.com/SeaTowHamptonRoads) for locations where drop off boxes will be available.

In December everyone will be invited to our office for hot apple cider, donuts & pizza and we will stuff the Sea Tow Boat with toys that we collected. The Marines from Toys for Tots will come to the Sea Tow office and receive the toys. We would like to get a group shot of all clubs surrounding the Sea Tow boat stuffed with toys. This date will be determined when the time gets closer.

Every little bit helps and will make someone’s holiday a little brighter. Thank-you again for all of your support.

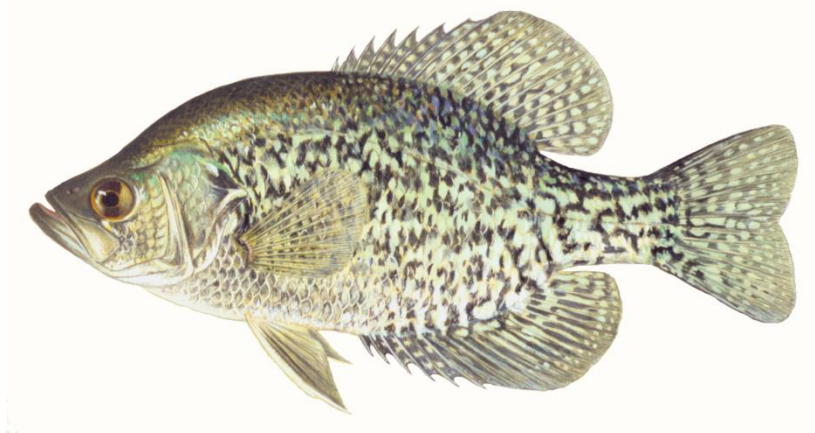
**REMINDER: For each toy you donate at your monthly meeting your name goes into a drawing for prizes.**

# Virginia Beach Angler's Club

## Crappie Tournament

### Lake Smith Shore or Boat

Saturday, December 7, 2019



Entry Fee: \$20.00 per adult angler, \$10.00 per child under 16

Please Register Early

Early Registration email: [pmangum@roseandwomble.com](mailto:pmangum@roseandwomble.com) or call: 757-582-1450

(give number of anglers child or adult)

General Registration at Lake Smith ramp on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>

Location: Lake Smith & Little Creek Reservoir (See Rules)

Lines In: 8:00 AM

Weigh-in Time: 4:00 PM

Prize paid on the heaviest single fish

**\$150 Guaranteed 1st Place and \$75.00 2nd place prizes**

**Shore Anglers Only: Heaviest fish of any species wins rod/reel combo!**

# **Virginia Beach Anglers**

## **Lake Smith Crappie Tournament Rules**

### **December 7, 2019**

**Time:** Lines in 8:00am - Weigh-in 4:00pm.

**Location:** Lake Smith (boat and shore), Little Creek Reservoir (boat only).

**Gates open at 7:00 AM**

**Entry Fees:** \$20.00 per Angler, \$10.00 for children under 16.

**Registration:** Register on day of tournament at judge's table in Lake Smith parking lot before fishing.

**Boat check before entering water.**

**Norfolk lakes day permit for boats/kayaks available if desired.**

**Prize paid on the heaviest single fish.**

**Except for shore anglers, and angler may win only one place.**

**Shore anglers may win shore & crappie tournament prize. (see below).**

**Shore anglers may enter any fish caught during competition. A single prize will be awarded to the overall largest fish caught from shore irrespective of species. Should a crappie be caught by a shore angler, it may be entered in the tournament as a crappie catch in addition to entering for the shore prize.**

**Use of all nets (except landing net) will disqualify angler.**

**Early catch submission is permitted.**

**All entries must be in by the 4:00 pm weigh-in time at judging table. Judging will take place and winners announced at conclusion of weigh-in.**

**Ties will be decided by the earliest entry.**

**Decision of the weigh-master is final.**



# General Interest

## **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

*Office of the Governor*

Ralph S. Northam  
Governor

November 20, 2019

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) recently voted unanimously to find Virginia out of compliance with the interstate fishery management plan for Atlantic menhaden. The Commonwealth of Virginia voted in favor of this finding because the data show clearly that the harvest cap of 51,000 metric tons (more than 112 million pounds) for the industrial purse seine fishery in Virginia's portion of the Chesapeake Bay has been exceeded. Compliance with this cap is necessary to conserve menhaden and other fisheries that depend on this important forage fish for their survival. These fisheries are an important part of our nation's economy.

Only one company participates in the industrial purse seine fishery – Omega Protein Corporation, a subsidiary of the Canadian firm Cooke, Inc. Despite direct appeals by Virginia's Marine Resources Commissioner and myself that Omega and Cooke abide by the 51,000 metric ton limit, the company has continued over-harvesting menhaden from the Chesapeake Bay even after exceeding the cap. This has resulted in tens of millions of American fish being exported to feed farmed salmon in Canada, in violation of the ASMFC quota.

Given these actions by an international company, imposing a moratorium on the menhaden harvest is the most appropriate way to bring about a shift to responsible management of menhaden, consistent with Section 5106(a) of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act. Imposing a moratorium immediately will prevent Omega and Cooke from pushing farther past the quota for 2019. A moratorium will also provide the motivation necessary to ensure that Virginia's General Assembly puts in place new measures to ensure future compliance with ASMFC fishery management plans, which are a shining example of the kind of

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November 20, 2019  
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cooperative federalism your Administration supports. A moratorium is the appropriate next step after a formal finding of non-compliance, according to the Act.

Section 5106(a) of ACFCMA requires the Secretary of Commerce to make a finding on the non-compliance recommendation within 30 days of being notified by ASMFC. Therefore, pursuant to Sec. 5106(b) of ACFCMA, I am requesting a meeting between your office and Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resources Matthew Strickler to discuss the Commonwealth's support for the ASMFC non-compliance finding, as well as our interest in the conservation of Atlantic menhaden, in advance of you making such a finding.

I have designated Katie Sallee in the Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources to coordinate this meeting. She may be reached at (804) 692-2547 or [Katie.Sallee@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:Katie.Sallee@governor.virginia.gov).

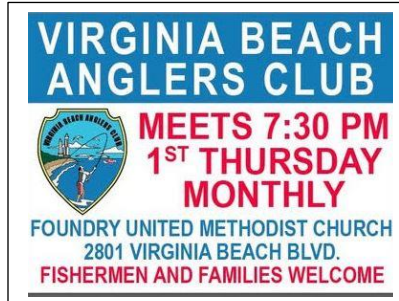
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph S. Northam", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ralph S. Northam

# General Interest

**Thanks to Stan Sutliff for the donation of 4 signs notifying the reader of our club and its meeting time. One will be at all our events!**



**CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION**  
*Saving a National Treasure*

CBF'S QUARTERLY E-NEWSLETTER

FALL 2019



JOSH ULANOSKI

## **Accountability and Action**

If EPA doesn't fully exercise its oversight responsibility in the multi-state partnership to restore clean water across the region, efforts to save the Bay will be lost. CBF will do everything in our power to prevent that from happening. The health of our region's environment, our way of life, and nearly \$130 billion in natural benefits annually, are at stake. Take action to join us in this critical fight.

**TAKE ACTION**



## Hats & T-Shirts

### New Shirts Available!

Short Sleeve T's \$15.00

Performance Long Sleeve,  
UPF 50, Color: Sea Grass

\$25.00

T's \$15.00



Performance Long Sleeve - \$25.00



**ALL HATS \$15.00 EA**



## **2018 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:**

Boat Show:	<b>Chair – Russell Willoughby</b>
Calendar:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair – Ronnie Nixon</b>
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	<b>Chair – Ronnie Nixon</b>
Great Bridge Flea Market:	<b>Chair – Preston Mangum</b>
VBAC Flea Market:	<b>Chair – Bob Burstein</b>
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	<b>Chair – Jerry Mariano</b>
Seton Youth:	<b>Chair – Dave Anderson</b>
Raffles:	<b>Chair – Preston Mangum</b>
Audit Committee:	<b>Chair – Mike Anderson</b>
Surf Tournaments:	<b>Chair – John Germanos</b>
Club Tournaments:	<b>Chair – George Gabriel</b> <b>Co. Chair – Bob Burstein</b>
Pier Tournaments:	<b>Chair – Gary Doerhoff</b> <b>Co. Chair – Bryan Watson</b>
Prize Fish:	<b>Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>
Nomination Committee:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard</b> <b>Co. Chair Beth Synoweic</b>
Conservation and Regulations:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>
T-Shirt Committee:	<b>Chair – Patty Searby</b>

If You Would Like to Help on a Committee,  
Please Speak to the Chair. Help is Appreciated!

# *Saltwater Fishing News*

## **Largest Saltwater Fish Caught in 2019**

Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where	Weight
Amberjack	Chris Schneider	11-Apr	39"	Vessel	26#
Black Drum	Preston Mangum	26-May	38"	CBBT	
Blackfin Tuna	George Gabriel	11-Apr		Vessel	36#
Blackbelly Rosefish	Kevin Synowiec	14-Jul		Norfolk Canyon	3#14oz.
Blueline Tilefish	David Anderson	27-Jul		Norfolk Canyon	7#11oz.
Bluefish	John Germanos	30-Apr		NC Surf	3.15#
Cobia	Dave Smith	3-Sep	49"	Sandbridge	
Dolphin	Michael Anderson	22-May	59"	Vessel	39#
Flounder	James Eisenhower	1-Aug	23"	CBBT	5.25#
Golden Tilefish	Beth Synowiec	14-Jul		Norfolk Canyon	26#
Grey Trout	Dave Smith	22-Oct		Rudee Inlet	2# 14oz
Houndfish	Kelly Hoggard	5-Sep	42"	Sandbridge	
King Mackerel	David Smith	30-Aug		Sandbridge	37#
Oyster Toad	Kelly Hoggard	8-Sep		CBBT	2#14oz
Pinfish	Patty Searby	27-May	13"	Vessel	14oz.
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	27-Jun	13.25"	Avon	
Puffer Fish (smooth)	Kelly Hoggard	13-Feb	12.25"	Carolina Beach	
Puppy Drum	Dave Smith	27-Jun	27 1/4"		
Red Drum	Robert Oliver	4-Jun	46.5"	4th Island	
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	4-May	15.75"	Ocracoke	
Sea Bass	Kelly Hoggard	28-Jun	17.5"	Ches Lt	
Shark	John Germanos	11-Apr	96"	Vessel	
Spanish Mackerel	Dave Smith	27-Jun	28.5"	Sandbridge	5#
Spadefish	Kelly Hoggard	31-May		Ches Lt	5# 14oz
Speckled Trout	Kelly Hoggard	3-Nov	24.375"	Sandbridge	
Spot	Kelly Hoggard	21-Jul	9.5"	LC Inlet	
Swallowtail Bass	Beth Synowiec	14-Jul		Norfolk Canyon	1#2oz.
White Marlin	Kelly Hoggard	20-Aug		Washington Canyon	

# *Saltwater Fishing News*

## Exciting Fishing Opportunities in waters of Virginia

*Please click the link below to get information all fishing in Virginia*

<https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/>

### **READ FISHTALK ONLINE**

Rudow's FishTalk Magazine is a monthly magazine focused on fishing the Chesapeake Bay and Mid-Atlantic region. Read the current issue here online or browse through the archive of past issues below. If you can't find what you're looking for drop us a line [HERE](#)

### **CURRENT ISSUE**

GEAR | HOW TO | WHERE TO | TACTICAL ANGLER | FISHBOAT REVIEWS | FISHING REPORTS

## **Thank you, anglers, for picking up FishTalk!**

We hope you'll enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed making it, and more importantly, that it helps you catch more, bigger fish. We love to hear from you. Please send your fishing pics and reports anytime to [lenny@fishtalkmag.com](mailto:lenny@fishtalkmag.com)

<https://www.fishtalkmag.com/read-fishtalk-online>~ Lenny Rudow, Angler in Chief

Read the Latest Issue Online

## **See What's New in the 2019 Fishing Regulations**

**Click the link below.**

[https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/?utm\\_source=mailchimp&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=header](https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_content=header)



# *Saltwater Fishing News*



Here is a striper report and an “action” photo of me fishing Pretty Lake. If you find a calm day you can get out they are hitting on surface plugs and Rattle Traps all around the end of the jetties.

## Striper's at the Little Creek

Fished with Louis and Jesse on 11/19/19 at sunup at the Little Creek jetties for stripers and found them hitting our ChugBugs top water lures. It was calm on the water and when we positioned ourselves to cast parallel with the jetty and close to the rocks we found them. We caught 7 but only kept our limit of one per person 21-23 inches. Great fun on top water lures, totally visual and explosive. Louis and I had tried the night before at dusk but only found one striper lost at the boat and one puppy drum so this was a great relief to catch this morning. We tried for specks in the area and Pretty Lake but nothing but small ones.

Blessings,  
Ike

# Chef's Corner: Go from Eight & Bait to Plate the Bait!

DECEMBER 2019

*For those anglers tired of discarding expensive unused bait after a day in the surf or on the water, these ideas transform fresh bait into fine table fare!*

Eight ounces of weight and fresh bait cast into a slough along the OBX shoreline is a mantra for anglers pursuing large Red Drum. This article puts a tasty twist on the old "8 & Bait" mantra!

The recurring theme throughout my Chef's Corner series is the ethical and responsible utilization of every inch and every ounce of the fish and game harvested during our outdoors adventures.

This article extends that theme to an oft-overlooked part of our overall angling experience – fresh bait.

That's right – BAIT!

Far too often I see anglers afford little care to the preservation and maintenance of fresh baits such as shrimp, squid, clams, crab, fish, and more.

I can't change the world in a day, but why not treat our bait like we were going to eat it at the end of the day?

Many years ago, I participated in a three-day surf fishing school with OBX master surf fisherman Joe Malat. Joe has authored several books on surf fishing and is very well respected throughout the Coastal Carolinas.

One of the greatest take-aways I retained from that experience pertained to the use of the freshest bait possible as essential to success in the surf.

Joe simply said:

***"Never use a bait that you would not be willing to eat yourself."***

I never forgot that, and on many occasions, I have witnessed those with the freshest bait having more success in catching while others fished. Of course, live bait is as fresh as it gets, but icing and cold storage immediately after securing fresh bait prolongs freshness and slows the natural degradation which otherwise follows.

"Fresh Frozen" will do in a pinch, but "Fresh-Fresh" is always the way to go, and some baits freeze better than others!

So here we go – I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I did writing it!!

## Common "Baits" that Make Great Table Fare:

Knowing what to do with fresh bait after the fishing day is done is a great insurance policy for those great days of fishing that don't result in much catching!

While not all bait is practically edible, most natural baits are equally as palatable to us and the fish we target!



***Broiled Shrimp-stuffed Cob Mullet fillets.***



***Crispy-Fried Whole Finger Mullet.***



Here are a few of the most notable baits that are convert to fine table fare:

- Fresh Mullet
- Fresh Shrimp
- Fresh Squid
- Fresh Clams
- Fresh Live Sand Fleas (yes, they are excellent!)
- Fresh Blue Crabs
- Other Fresh food fish such as Spot, Croaker, or Bluefish
- Sorry, Fresh Live Bloodworms didn't make the list!



***Fresh Mullet is the most popular bait across OBX.***

While this article does not provide any detailed recipes, it does offer a visual history of many of the dishes that I have created from

leftover bait that was properly cared for from the field to the kitchen. I also list several new recipes that I am in the process of documenting, and to be honest, once you embrace the concept of edible bait, the sky is the limit!

In any case, many of these dishes would easily pass the taste test in the poshest restaurants and kitchens, so open up your mind and enjoy these great suggestions on how to utilize every ounce and every inch of your fresh bait!



***Bait Shrimp Imperial Stuffing.***



***Bait Shrimp-stuffed Bellas.***



***Broiled Shrimp-stuffed Bellas.***



***"Bait Stew" – Shrimp, Squid, & Clam.***



***Broiled Shrimp-stuffed Shrimp!***



***Shrimp-stuffed Bellas & Spinach.***



***Blackened Horse Mullet Bites.***



***Crispy Bait Po' Boy Mix!***



***Crispy Bait Po' Boy Sammich!***





***Bait Mullet, Clam, & Crab Chowder.***



***Cut Bait-n-Shrimp with Andouille.***



***Cut Bait-n-Shrimp Gumbo.***



***Bait Shrimp Taco Fixins'.***



***Marinated Shrimp-n-Squid.***



***Bait Shrimp Scampi with Lime.***



***Chopping the Shrimp.***



***Prepping Shrimp Salad.***



***Bait Shrimp Salad Cold Plate.***



***Toasted Shrimp Salad Sandwich.***



***Chunky Shrimp Salad Sandwiches.***



***Minced Shrimp Salad Sandwich.***

## Put Your Bait on A Plate!

Until now, unused bait was either discarded or haphazardly preserved for later use in a far less palatable state. That does not have to happen ever again! As much money as we spend on our bait, why not recover every penny of our investment?



***Smoked Mullet Dip & National Beer of Hatteras Island!***



***Fried Bait Shrimp & Cob Mullet Plate.***

As the pictures above and list below demonstrates, it makes far more sense to eat today's fresh bait and start anew tomorrow with a – pardon the pun – “Fresh Start!”!

Just look at the diversity of these dishes which I recently created using leftover bait as the main ingredient:

- Mullet Poppers –these fried delicacies are excellent served with sweet chili sauce or homemade tartar sauce!
- Shrimp Po’ Boys –fry them up in a crispy batter to serve on hoagie or hot dog rolls with shredded lettuce, cheddar, pickle, tartar sauce, and a side of fries...you can also chop cut bait or clams and fry crispy for this!
- Shrimp Salad – shrimp is shrimp...calling it “bait” doesn’t change that!
- Seafood Noodle salad (shrimp, squid, mullet)
- Shrimp Burgers – a Hatteras Harbor tradition!
- Smoked Mullet – this is a real delicacy and has few rivals! A MUST try!
- Fried Mullet and Chips – much like the Old English Pub recipe!
- Blackened Mullet – let the Cajun loose!
- Mullet Fish Cakes – rich and fluffy!
- Fried Squid (Calamari) – my bait squid is MUCH fresher than the frozen variety served in most restaurants!
- Oriental Seafood Stew (shrimp, squid, clam, and cut mullet chunks)
- Clams on the Half-shell with lemon, cocktail sauce, and Tabasco – simple and delicious!
- Baked Clams Oreganata – another vintage recipe from my years in the family restaurant!
- Manhattan-style Clam Chowder (for you Yankees & Mets fans!)
- New England-style Clam or Seafood Chowder (for you Red Sox fans!)
- Sand Flea Poppers – Yes, these are an appetizer version of fried soft-shell crabs, and they are excellent!
- Sand Flea Po’ Boys – especially for the smallest fleas – just fry super crispy and voila – better than Soft Shells!
- Shrimp-stuffed Broiled Mullet – VBAC Angler tested and approved!
- Shrimp-stuffed Portabellas – Lotsa flavors popping out of this superb dish!
- Curried Seafood with Vegetables (can use shrimp, mullet, squid, and clams)
- Kickin’ Cajun Smoked Cut Bait and Cheese Dip – a “bait-n-switch” on the Cajun Jack-n-Cheese recipe!
- Crispy-Fried Finger Mullet – A take off on fried Smelts!

And that’s just the tip of the iceberg once you get your imagination into focus!



So, the next time you have leftover chowder clams after a Spadefish trip, make a chowder!

Leftover shrimp from chasing Spring Puffers? Whip up a tasty shrimp salad!

Too many finger mullets from that Bluefish tournament? Crisp-fry em' whole!

Leftover Cob Mullet from the Drum trip? Try smoking a batch!

Leftover squid? Fry-up a batch of Calamari!

And so on...

Happy fishing, and I hope this piece has sparked some inspiration to extend our ethical utilization of every inch and every ounce to the fresh bait that was killed to support our fishing adventures!

Here are a few more goodies to get you salivating as you process the concept of eating your bait!



***Baked Clams Oreganata.***



***Smoked Mullet - Butterflied.***



***Smoked Mullet Fillets.***

So, now that you are armed with this new source of knowledge, you will never have to go hungry again on those "rare" fishing trips where the catching is slow, and a pile of expensive fresh bait is all that stands between you and an excellent meal!

***Bon Appetite!***

Look for these recipes in current and future editions of CHAC's Chef's Corner!

***Contributed by: VBAC Angler John Germanos, aka "The Instinctive Chef"***

# Cape Hatteras Anglers Club (CHAC) Surf Fishing Tournament

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*VBAC Teams, Individual Anglers, and Volunteer Judges got to experience the Tale of Two Seasons in the World's Largest Surf Fishing Tournament!*

Special Thanks go out to Kay Knowles and the Cape Hatteras Angler's Club (CHAC) Tournament Staff and Volunteers for their hospitality and for hosting another great tournament on Hatteras Island!

This year's Team Competition was held 06-08 November 2019, and the Bob Bernard Open Individual Tournament took place on Saturday, 09 November.

VBAC anglers competed in both events, and three VBAC anglers served as volunteer judges during the Team competition.

The Team competition included 120 of the most competitive surf fishing teams in the country.



***Top Scorers Patty and Kelly in action!***

Day 1 was a near perfect day with warm temperatures, light winds, and light surf – a truly great day to be alive!

Day 2 was a complete opposite. High winds and rough surf on Day 2 required hard work, perseverance, and a capability to fish heavy weights and rigs. Nevertheless, several teams moved sharply up the standings with some quality catches in tough conditions!

VBAC entered two teams consisting of six anglers each.

Team 1 recorded 20 fish and 29 points, which kept them on the left side of the leaderboard with a respectable 46<sup>th</sup> place overall finish out of 120 teams.

Team 2 finished the tournament with five scorable fish and six points, placing them in 100<sup>th</sup> place out of 120 teams.

Kelly Hoggard was the top VBAC scorer with 8 fish for 13 points, but Patty Searby was hot on his heels with 8 fish and 11 points!

Kelly also recorded the largest fish with a 14.75-inch Kingfish.

Day 3 was still a bit windy but very fishable for the individual tournament which included three VBAC anglers and just over 50 participants.

Bryan Watkins won the Individual award for the largest Sea Mullet caught, and Kelly Hoggard finished second in the Black Drum category.

In addition, John Germanos, Doug Wehner, and Carol Wehner served as volunteer judges during the Team Competition.

All-in-all, VBAC was well represented, and the tournament once again lived up to its billing as the most prestigious surf fishing event in the country.

## TEAM 1 RESULTS:

Bryan Watkins captained Team 1, which included the following anglers:

- Bryan Watkins (CPT)
- Patty Searby
- Robbie Parks
- Kelly Hoggard
- Stan Sutliff
- Greg Wehner

Session one saw Team 1 get off to good start with 9 fish for 15 points. Kelly led the way with a session-high 4 fish and 9 points.

Session two began with high hopes as the Team arrived early and prepared to give it all they had since the forecast for the next day was pretty dire. The Team tallied 8 fish and 9 points. Patty led the session with 4 fish for 4 points.

On Day 2, the weather presented all anglers with challenging conditions that featured temperatures in the 40s and winds gusting to 30 mph. Greg managed to score the lone fish for 1 point in the morning session.

The Team was only slightly better in the final session with 2 fish for 4 points. Patty once again led the way with 1 fish and 3 points.

Overall, five of the six Team 1 anglers scored fish, and Patty's 8 fish and 11 points outscored 30 Teams as she continued the run that earned her the VBAC Surf Series Championship!

### Team 1 Scoring Summary:

Five Team 1 anglers recorded scorable fish. Kelly Hoggard was Team 1's high-scorer with 8 fish scoring 13-points.

The squad's 20 fish, 29-point total put Team 1 in a respectable 46<sup>th</sup> Place on the leaderboard out of 120 teams.

Here are the Team 1 scoring results by session.

#### **Session 1 Results (0800-1100):**

- 9 scorable fish for 15 points.

#### **Session 2 Results (1330-1630):**

- 8 scorable fish for 9 points.

#### **Session 3 Results (0800-1100):**

- 1 scorable fish for 1 point

#### **Session 4 Results (1330-1630):**

- 2 scorable fish for 4 points

#### **Top 3 Overall Team 1 Scorers\*:**

- Kelly Hoggard: 8 fish and 13 points
- Patty Searby: 8 fish and 11 points
- Stan Sutliff: 2 fish and 3 points

These three anglers have earned an automatic bid to return for next year's event!

***Congratulations and Well Done!***



***Patty with one of her 8 scoring fish!***



***Team 1 In Action!***





***Robbie staying warm and dry!***



***Patty working hard!***



***Greg cranking it up!***



***Kelly & Stan in action on a sunny & warm Day 1!***



***Greg trying to stay warm on a windy & cold Day 2!***



***Team 1 arrived early for the first session on Day 1 on a near perfect Hatteras island November morning!***

## TEAM 2 RESULTS:

David Anderson served as Captain for Team 2, which included the following Anglers:

- Dave Anderson (CPT)
- Carl McCoy
- Caroline Robinson
- Patty Lynch
- Jerry Hughes
- Jerry Mariano

Day 1 was a perfect day for fishing. All anglers fished hard and enjoyed a great Indian Summer Day on the beach!

Day 2 was a challenge. An overnight front brought in strong wind, 20-degree temperature drop, and overcast, chilly conditions. After being shutout in the morning session, Team 2 elected not to fish the afternoon session.

Here are the results:

### ***Session 1 Results (0800-1100):***

- 3 scorable fish for 3 points.

### ***Session 2 Results (1330-1630):***

- 2 scorable fish for 3 points.

### ***Session 3 Results (0800-1100):***

- No scorable fish were recorded

### ***Session 4 Results (1330-1630):***

- **DID NOT FISH**

### ***Top 3 Overall Team 1 Scorers:***

- Caroline Robinson, 4 fish for 5 points\*
- Jerry Mariano, 1 fish for 1 point

***\*Caroline's 12.75" Kingfish was also Team 2's largest fish scored.***

Caroline and Jerry have earned an opportunity to return in 2020.

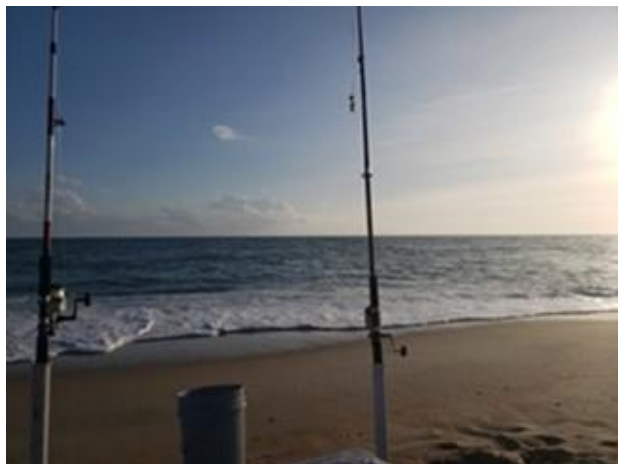
## **Team 2 Scoring Summary:**

Two of the six Team 2 anglers recorded scorable fish over the three sessions fished.

The Team chose not to fish the fourth and final session.

Team 2's five fish for six points put them in 100<sup>th</sup> place out of 120 Teams.

***May next year bring better luck and renewed perseverance.***



***Team 2 Ready to Fish Session 1, Day 1!***



***Team 2 Baiting -Up on Day One in Near Perfect Weather and Surf Conditions!***



## BOB BERNARD OPEN INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS:



***Bryan Accepting the Largest Sea Mullet 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award!***

The Individual even took place on Saturday, 9 November 2019 from 8 am until noon. The boundary included most of Hatteras Island from Ramps 23 to 55, excluding Cape Point. Just over 50 seasoned anglers competed, and there was some stiff competition. Three VBAC anglers fished together in the individual event: Bryan Watkins, Patty Searby, and Kelly Hoggard.

The trio started the day on Ramp 34, which was where the Kingfish (aka Sea Mullet or Roundhead) bite was good early in the week. Residual gale force winds challenged our anglers' skills, but they found a hole that held a few fish.

Bryan had a solid bite about 20 minutes into the session. After getting the fish up to the beach, it was a beautiful 15.5-inch Northern Kingfish. Shortly after, Kelly pulled a surf fishing personal best 17-inch Black Drum out of the same hole. They worked the spot a little longer, but the falling tide led to poor fishing conditions, so they moved on in search of another hot stretch of beach.

Our VBAC Three moved south to Ramp 49 to get the wind at their backs and fish a flat area inside a break on a distant bar. Though it was much nicer fishing conditions, the fishing was slow. They caught a Bluefish and a Puffer on a handful of bites.

With time dwindling, they strategically moved back north and worked the Ramp 38 beach for the final 30 minutes.

Kelly had one solid bite but failed to land the fish. A nearby angler not competing in the event beached a very nice Black Drum that would have beaten Kelly's 17-incher, but to no avail!

The VBAC Three were the first group to arrive for the weigh-in. They weighed three fish:

Bryan's Kingfish (called a sea mullet on Hatteras Island), and Kelly's Black Drum and Bluefish.

They waited in anticipation as anglers pulled up to weigh their fish. Slowly, Kelly's two fish were taken off the board, but Bryan's 1-pound 6-ounce Kingfish held strong with no other fish of that species coming close.

Bryan won the "Largest Sea Mullet" award, and Kelly took second in the Black Drum category, only 4 ounces behind the winner. Kelly's Bluefish was eclipsed by some very nice 18-20" Blues brought to the scale.

Overall, our VBACers had a fun time together all week and made some fishing memories to talk about in the future. All are already looking forward to fishing next year's Team and Individual Tournaments!



***Kelly Doubling-up on the Kingfish!***



***Kelly's Runner-up 17-inch Black Drum!***



***Bryan with his WINNING 1-pound, 6-ounce Kingfish!***

## **VBAC Volunteer Judges Were Much Appreciated!**

VBAC supplied three experienced judges for this year's event, and boy were they appreciated since judges were in short supply!

John Germanos partnered with Sheryl Sheppard to cover stations 1 through 9 at Ramp 23 in Salvo. This required scoring fish for 54 anglers per session and 216 anglers overall! Ramp 23 was hot on Day 1, and every Team scored double digit fish

The Wehners covered stations 35 through 40 at Ramp 34 in Avon. This required scoring 42 anglers per session and 168 anglers overall.

When combined, VBAC judges worked with about 385 anglers over the course of the 2-day Team event!

Here are a few pictures I took while I was judging,,,



***Old Glory Flying High at Ramp 23 on Day 2!***





*P.M. Session at Ramp 23 was Hot!*



*A.M. Session on Ramp 23 – windy & cold!*



*The Weather improved in the P.M.!*



*John gives a thumbs-up on a 29-inch Red Drum and a 58-point performance by this happy PA angler during the final session at Ramp 23!*

**Be sure to register for the 2020 CHAC Lottery drawing, and Good Luck to all Returning Anglers!**

*Contributed by: VBAC Angler John Germanos, VBAC Surf Committee Chairman*

## *Surf Fishing Continued*





# Surf Fishing Continued

Submitted by Kelly Hoggard:

## Mission Accomplished!

It's been a SIX year journey to this point. I set a goal a while back to get a citation Roundhead (Kingfish/Sea Mullet) in the state of Virginia. Every time I go surf fishing in Virginia, I specifically target this species. It's been a passion for me to learn as much as I could about being a proficient roundhead fisherman. While it's not a true sea monster, this size of kingfish is a rare catch in Virginia. Of the three roundhead I caught today, they represent the 1st, 3rd, and 4th largest of my career in Virginia Beach.

I set up this morning shortly before sunrise in sandbridge. I fished through the 7:30 am high tide with little success. The only thing in the surf appeared to be small black drum and baby spots. The speckled trout bite picked up as the water fell. As a big wave whitewashed through my zone, I had a heavy run on one of the rods. When it came in on the wave, the fish turned out to be a smooth dog shark. It's the first I've seen since the spring. It gave me hope that the roundhead were here because they were mixed in with the roundhead in March/April in the OBX.

I had three more runs over the next 15 minutes, each roundhead bigger than the last. The second measured in at 15" and weighed in at 1 lb 6 oz on my scale. It was a thick fish. With that fish still in my hand, I saw another run and picked it up. This one was bigger and I knew instantly I had the fish I've been searching for. I feel as though I've been jinxed lately, especially with my most recent catch, so I put the scale away and immediately put this fish under my ice bag. Unfortunately, that was almost it. I only caught 2 more fish in the next 2 hours.

I noticed the rain creeping my way from the oceanfront. I packed up a few minutes too late. Heavy winds came at about noon with cold rain. My body and gear were sandblasted until I was able to get off the beach. I've included a picture that shows the sand blowing on my gear. I also took a picture of the water to show people the way the fishing hole looked. It takes a talented eye to read the beach. I've found that low tide is always the best time to read the surf and get setup if you're looking for a new spot. Sometimes the hole that's good for fishing is very small, even a few square feet of different bottom can be a great fishing spot.

THANK YOU to anyone that's supported me along the way. Whether that was just joining me for a day of surf fishing, or helping evolve my fishing skills by making new rigs. It's all attributed to the completion of my goal. You know who you are.



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# Surf Fishing Continued

Citation Speck in the Surf 11/3/19 by Kelly Hoggard.

I get some weird looks when I tell people that I've never caught a speckled trout big enough to be a keeper. Truth is, I've never targeted or fished for them before. But that all changed today.

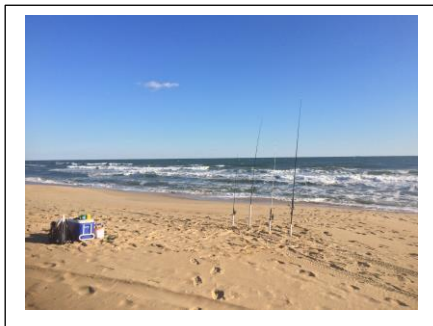
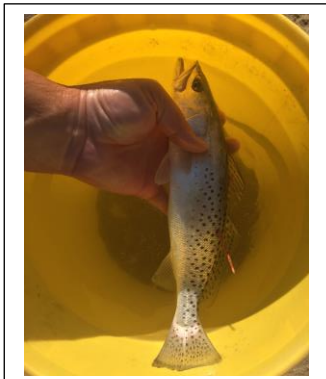
My goal was to find a nice hole to fish for roundhead. I checked a few areas at low tide but failed to find a good location. I switched gears and targeted an area I've fished previously. I set up to surf fish a little after sunrise on daylight savings Sunday. This location had a good setup for a big red drum. In three casts with only one rod, I had 3 quick bluefish. There's no size to them but at least I know the bite would be there. I set up a fish finder on the second rig and cast an 8 n bait all day with my 12 footer. I got the occasional bluefish bite and caught the only 2 runs I had all day. One shark and one stingray.

By 9 am, the wind was really picking up. A healthy chop was settling in and the wind was straight down the beach. It was a little chilly, but that was manageable so long as you are dry. I got into a couple of small specks in a small hole near the shore. I noticed my line go slack so I pulled it in to find out what happened. As it came tight, the return tug was significant. I took my time and got a good wave to help pull the fish up the beach. At first, I thought I might have had a solid puppy drum. This wasn't a puppy drum however. It was a huge speckled trout. I raced to get it in the bucket of water and get it measured. It measured 24 and 3/8ths inches. Suddenly, I realized I didn't know what the state citation sizes were. So now I'm scrambling to find this information out. After confirming it was a citation, I quickly tagged my first ever keeper speckled trout so it could be released. The fish was certainly tired by now. I bit my tongue and waded out into the water. Grabbing this gator by the teeth left some nasty marks in my thumb but I was determined to let this amazing creature live longer. With waves lapping at my chest and neck, I finally felt the fight I was looking for and released my fish. I was soaked from head to toe and cold. It was worth it though. My citation speckled trout has plastic TBar tag number 430630. This is one tag I surely hope to hear about again via recapture.

The amazing speck fishing didn't end there. We caught a total of four more specks that measured 19, 21, 21.5, 22.5 inches. Not a bad haul of specks from the sand. I was lucky to be joined by fellow club member Mike Mueller and his son Matt. I brought 4 pounds of minicob mullet. I define those to be mullet in the 8-10" range. I did invite a lot of people and nearly nobody showed up, which meant more bait for me. In a way it worked out good as I managed to use all the bait up during the day.

No roundhead or big red drum today. In a way it feels like a failed trip. I've only caught one roundhead in Virginia since hurricane Dorian. I tagged two puppies, one black, and 20 specks today. TB 430628-430650. Could have tagged many more if I had brought more tags. Lesson learned.

Can't catch fish on the couch.



# *Surf Fishing Continued*

Surf Fishing Wrightsville Beach 10/31 and 11/1

Crazy good Surf fishing. I'm in Wrightsville Beach for a couple days and couldn't resist the chance to get on the beach. There weren't any sand fleas around, so I was forced to use a variety of fish bites and cut fish.

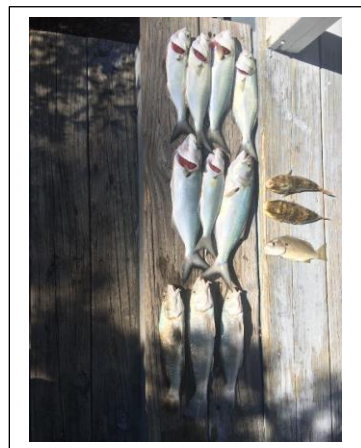
Yesterday, I was only able to fish for an hour before sunset. I worked a hole after low tide. It was windy, it was cloudy, it was rainy, and it was dark, but I was rewarded with the largest black drum I've ever caught in the surf. I didn't have a measure tape but estimate the length between 18-20". I also caught a pair of roundhead and a pair of bluefish.

Today, I got in on the action about two hours before high tide. Yeah, it was 48 degrees this morning, but the fish don't feel the air. The bite was on all morning and I was consistently doubled and tripled over. Today's species included pinfish, porgy, roundhead, bluefish, pompano, spot, flounder, and pufferfish. I kept a few of the larger ones and released dozens of bluefish and pinfish. The largest bluefish of the day was caught on a small strip of bloodworm fish bites that I was targeting the spot.

I also got some kind of fishing slam by catching a spot, flounder, and bluefish at the same time (as I was reeling in the spot, a bluefish and flounder took another rig.) Later, I caught a big southern ray that I wanted to keep but it was too much work to save. I had a monster run early on the rod the roundhead were focused on and broke the rig as a big wave rolled over another. I could only see the color and identified it as a big roundhead or puppy. Wish I could have beached it.

Looking forward to fishing next weeks Cape Hatteras Anglers Club tournament for the first time this year.

Can't catch fish on the couch!





# ***Freshwater Fishing***

## **Largest freshwater fish caught during 2019 in this category by species.**

Species	Angler	Date Caught	Length	Where Caught	Weight
Blue Catfish	Russell Willoughby	28-Mar	44"	James River	
Bluegill	Melanie Bayford	3-Aug	10.5"	Beaver Dam Pk	
Bowfin	Jerry Hughes	15-May		NW River	8lb 4oz.
Chain Pickerel	Jay Graber	2-Mar	21.75"	LCrk Reservoir	
Crappie	Steve Harding	10-Mar		Smith	2lb 10 oz.
Largemouth Bass	Michael Anderson	21-Sep	21"	Kerr Dam	4#
Longnose Gar	Russell Willoughby	4-Apr	33"	Lake Whitehurst	
Longnose Gar	Melanie Bayford	30-Apr	33"	Piscataway Rvr	
Snakehead	Frank James	31-May		Pohick Regional	6lb 5oz.
White Perch	Melanie Bayford	21-Sep	13"	Piankitank River	
Yellow Perch	Preston Mangum	9-Sep	11.25	Lake Prince	12 oz.

# ***Freshwater Fishing Continued***



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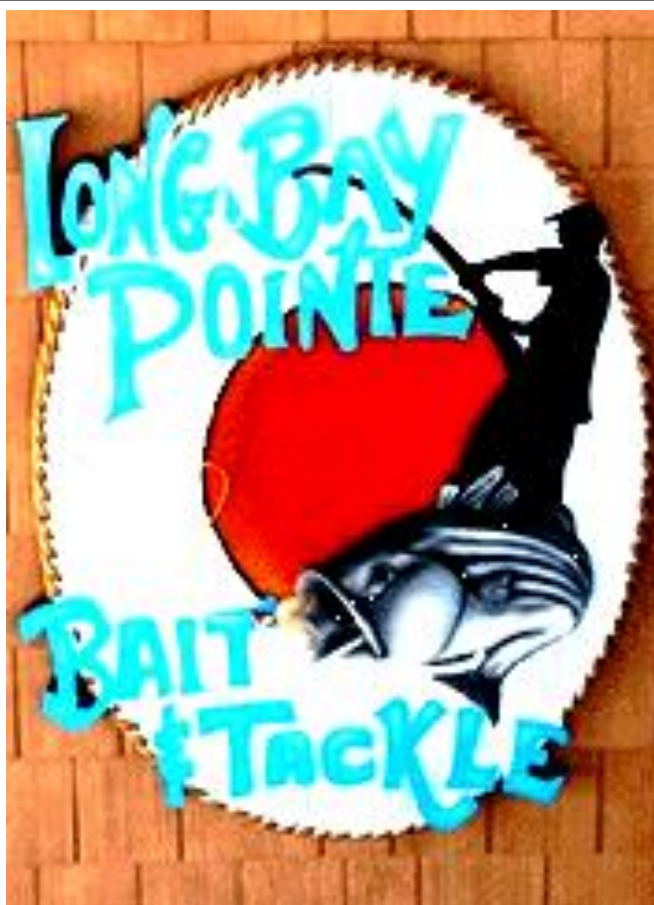


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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

## Our Objectives:

- ❖ Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of VBAC members.
- ❖ Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
- ❖ Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.
- ❖ Conduct social activities that create a wholesome climate for deriving the maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, their families and guests.
- ❖ Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

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