



January 2020

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday, 01-02-2020 7:30pm.

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

Meeting Speaker: To be determined.

Meeting Subject: To be determined.

January & Future Information Notes:

- **If you haven't already, pick up your 2020 calendar from Butch!**
- **Mid Atlantic Boat Show table at VB Convention Center February 7-9. Volunteers Needed! Contact Russel Willoughby (757) 818-0058 or at the meeting.**
- **Awards Banquet February 15.**

This Month's Quote

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

— H. Jackson Brown Jr., P.S. I Love You

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2019

<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
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Catch-A-Ride

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Our 2019 Christmas Party



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 st 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 QUALIFIER – 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 QUALIFIER – OBX
	27	SETON HOUSE YOUTH FISHING TRIP

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

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 ND 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
	24	KAYAK TOURNAMENT
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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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.



Sea Tow Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive Results



Thanks again for all of your support total toys collect 2024. That number included 25 bikes.

Thank-You to all the Local Angler Clubs and Local Businesses who participated in the 2019 Sea Tow Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive.

With the help of everyone involved we collected 2074 toys this year. In that 2074 toys 25 of them were bikes.

Great time had by all on Dec 13 stuffing the boat, drinking apple cider and eating pizza.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation showed up took all the toys to the distribution center to be sorted by age.

The driver comment that this was the most toys he had picked up this year at one location. So again Great Job by all.

Just remember on Christmas morning how many children had a wonderful Christmas due to you!!

Karen



Our 2019 Fall Crappie Tournament



**First Place, \$150, 2.21#
John Wharton**



**Second Place, \$75.00, 2.07#
Josh Morris**



**Shore Winner, Rod, 2.25# Bass
Kelly Hoggard**



Shore Anglers



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All of
These!**



General Interest



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 17, 2019

PRESS CONTACT: Mary Sabo
(302) 518-1143

Council and Commission Recommend Recreational Bluefish Management Measures for 2020

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Last week, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) recommended and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) approved new recreational fishing regulations for the 2020 Atlantic bluefish fishery from Florida to Maine. These measures, which include a 3-fish bag limit for private anglers and shore-based fishermen and a 5-fish bag limit for for-hire fishermen, represent a substantial reduction compared to the federal 15-fish bag limit that has been in place since 2000. The Commission's actions are final and apply to state waters (0-3 miles from shore), while the Council will forward its recommendation for federal waters (3 – 200 miles from shore) to the NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Administrator for final approval.

The most recent operational assessment of the Atlantic bluefish stock concluded that the stock is overfished but not experiencing overfishing. During their joint meeting in October, the Council and Commission adopted a recreational harvest limit (RHL) of 9.48 million pounds for 2020 and 2021, which is an 18% decrease compared to the 2019 RHL. Using the current regulations, the recreational sector is projected to land 13.27 million pounds, which will exceed the RHL by 28.56%. Therefore, the Council and Commission met last week to approve new recreational management measures to constrain harvest to the reduced RHL.

The Council and Commission considered several combinations of bag limits and minimum size limits, including options to set a single set of regulations for all fishing modes or different regulations for shore/private modes and the for-hire mode. Although the Council's Bluefish Monitoring Committee recommended a coastwide 3-fish bag limit, the majority of comments from the public and Bluefish Advisory Panel (AP) members expressed opposition to this option, noting that it would have severe economic consequences for the for-hire sector, which was only responsible for 3.6% of coastwide landings from 2016 to 2018. Additionally, AP members and the public emphasized that these proposed reductions come at a challenging time for for-hire stakeholders as they are also facing new restrictions on striped bass, black sea bass, summer flounder, and scup.

After an extensive discussion and thorough consideration of public comments, the Council recommended and Commission approved a 3-fish bag limit for private and shore modes and a 5-fish bag limit for the for-hire mode. No restrictions were made to minimum fish size or seasons.

"For many years, bluefish has been one of our most abundant recreational fisheries," said Council Chairman and ASMFC Board member Mike Luisi. "The Council and Commission are fully committed to the effective conservation and management of this stock, but we also recognize that a sudden change in regulations could have severe socioeconomic consequences for some stakeholders. After evaluating a wide range of options and considering numerous comments from the public, we feel that this approach is the most fair and effective way to achieve the necessary reduction in harvest next year."

The Council and Commission are continuing to work on development of a rebuilding plan as part of the Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment. Additional information and updates on this action are available at <http://www.mafmc.org/actions/bluefish-allocation-amendment>

General Interest

As many of you know, yesterday was a great day for the Bay. The new federal budget, signed into law, increased critical funds for Bay restoration. Good!

But today, bad news! There is now another threat to saving the Bay and its rivers and streams. **EPA refuses to hold Pennsylvania accountable for failing to prepare an adequate Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan as required by federal law.**

While Virginia and Maryland still have work to do, both states have outlined plans identifying the programs and practices to be put in place by 2025 that will restore local water quality. **Pennsylvania's plan, however, continues to be sorely deficient.**

Despite that fact, EPA did not take any action to require Pennsylvania to meet its obligations.

The Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint has been lauded as the best—and last—chance to save the Bay. Whereas previous plans to clean up the Bay were voluntary, the Blueprint combines science-based pollution limits with timelines and accountability. **By not holding Pennsylvania's leadership accountable, EPA has failed to fulfill its obligation to be the referee of the federal-state partnership.** EPA is kicking the can down the road, abdicating its Clean Water Act responsibilities and putting all of Bay restoration in jeopardy.

We're now in the final and most important phase of the Bay clean-up effort. This may well be the last chance to get this right. **The health of our region's environment, our way of life, and nearly \$130 billion in natural benefits annually are at stake.**

Eleven years ago next month, CBF sued EPA over its failure to uphold the Clean Water Act. EPA's continued failure means we must consider that option again. Stay tuned for more information.

As always, thank you for standing with us.

—Will

William C. Baker
President
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

General Interest

The crew of the James Rankin has been preparing the Chesapeake Bay for a potentially icy winter just in time for the holiday season. Every year, the seasonal buoys, which are designed for snow and ice are used in place of the larger, bulkier summer buoys. Summer buoys are more prone to becoming submerged due to heavy ice and snow. The crew has been working around the clock, swapping buoys to keep mariners safe in rain, sleet or snow. #HappyHolidays #ATON #BuoyTender



General Interest



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION



THINK 60 - Cold Water Danger Paddle Craft Risk

What: In conjunction with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Virginia the “**THINK 60** - Cold Water Danger” paddle craft risk program has been created to identify the combination of “fair” warm days when a significant number of paddle craft are expected on the water when waters remain cold, increasing the risk of drowning from capsize incidents.



Criteria: **THINK 60** - The Cold Water Danger criteria were established with the USCG identifying heightened risk days based water temperatures below 60 degrees and air temperatures above 60. To clarify, even on days when the weather criteria are not met, cold water is always dangerous.

Weather Element	Criteria
Max Temperature (MaxT)	> 60 F
Sea Surface Temperature (SST)	< 60 F
Wind Speed	< 20 kts
Diff Between Air Temp & SST	> 15 F

Issuance: The program will be in effect generally from **March through April and November into early December**. When a risk day is identified, the NWS in Wakefield will provide alerts via social media using Facebook and Twitter.

NWS social media **#paddlecraftrisk**
#think60



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Your Role: Monitor social media and when there is a “Cold Water Danger – Paddle Craft Risk” (**#paddlecraftrisk**, **#think60**) for your area, take the necessary precautions and be prepared for the cold water danger. This includes having all the proper gear and notifying others of your float plan.

Resources:

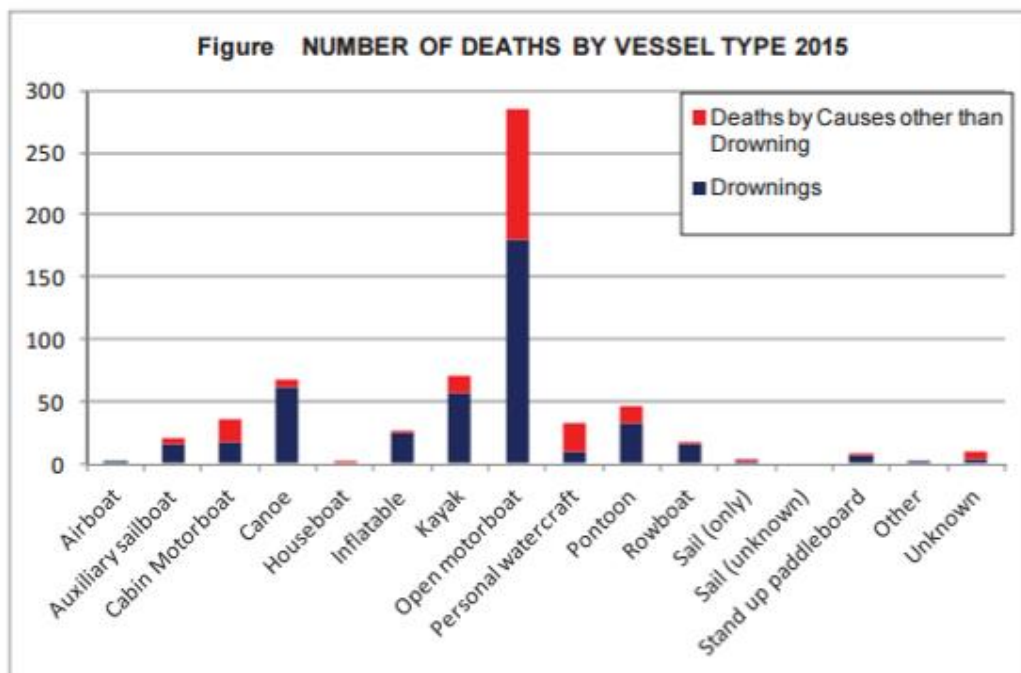
- Virginia, Maryland and Northeast NC Forecasts www.weather.gov/akq/
- USCG Sector Virginia / Hampton Roads
- <http://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Atlantic-Area/Units/District-5/Sector-Hampton-Roads/>
- USCG Boating Safety <http://www.uscgboating.org/>
- Cold Water Survival <http://live.cgaux.org/?p=872>

General Interest

The USCG reports that statistically cold water incidents peaked on nice, sunny weekends. Research has shown that the two factors which best relate to cold water fatalities are “Cold Water Shock” and hypothermia. Cold Water Shock occurs when water is below 60 degrees and the difference between the water and air temperature is > 15 degrees. Hypothermia threat increases significantly in water temperature less than 60 degrees

Water Temp (°F)	Loss of Dexterity (with no protective clothing)	Time to Exhaustion or Unconsciousness	Expected Survival Time
32.5 °F	Under 2 minutes	Under 15 minutes	Under 15 – 45 min
32.5 – 40°F	Under 3 minutes	15 – 30 minutes	30 – 90 minutes
40 – 50°F	Under 5 minutes	30 – 60 minutes	1 – 3 hours
50 – 60°F	10 – 15 minutes	1 – 2 hours	1 – 6 hours
60 – 70°F	30 – 40 minutes	2 – 7 hours	2 – 40 hours
70 – 80°F	1 – 2 hours	2 – 12 hours	3 hours – Indefinite
> 80 °F	2 – 12 hours	Indefinite	Indefinite

The table below shows the 2015 deaths by vessel type. Boats are by far number one, with deaths in kayaks number two. There has been an increasing trend in kayak and paddleboard related incidents and fatalities over the last decade.



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VBAC Flea Market:	Chair – Bob Burstein
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T-Shirt Committee:	Chair – Patty Searby

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/>

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CURRENT ISSUE

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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

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

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See What's New in the 2020 Fishing Regulations

Click the link below.

https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_content=header

Saltwater Fishing News



Speckled Trout in the Elizabeth River 12/24/19

I fished with Russell Willoughby and Jerry Hughes on Christmas Eve on his Mako in the Elizabeth River. The wind was blowing bad out of the North on the bay so we opted to check out the ER for speckled trout since both of them had fished it earlier and caught several keepers. We started back in the Deep Creek once we found an area out of the blowing wind. We tried mostly jigs and soft bodies until Russell put on a 3 inch swim bait in shad color and caught one immediately in about 10 ft depth as we drifted. This was a nice 18 inch speck. In no time we had 5 in the boat between 17-20 inch specks but then the tide died and that was it for the day. We tried other places along the Deep Creek and Elizabeth River but no luck as the incoming tide was slow moving.

Stripers at the Little Creek

Fished with Louis Glaser three days in December the Little Creek for stripers. On 12/4 we got two, a 29 incher and a 28 incher on Wind Cheaters. But, unfortunately we only caught one 23 incher on 12/9 and a 21 incher on 12/16. Again Wind Cheaters were the ticket in a very fast moving tide, either incoming or outgoing.

Blessings,
Ike

Saltwater Fishing News

Submitted by Jerry Hughes:

I must admit I suck at casting and jigging for Specks as Russell will tell you BUT I get in my Jon Boat with my trolling motor, throw out this combo and SLOWLY troll, and I seem to be able to produce! I've caught on all of these!

I've been out half a dozen times recently and have caught my limit. Now as far as casting and jigging for them, that's a different story, Skunk!

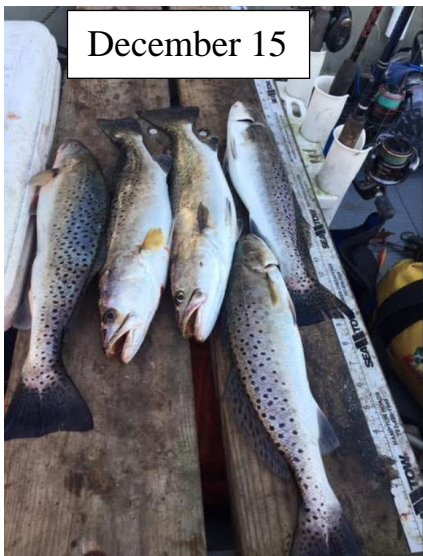
December 27



December 6



December 15



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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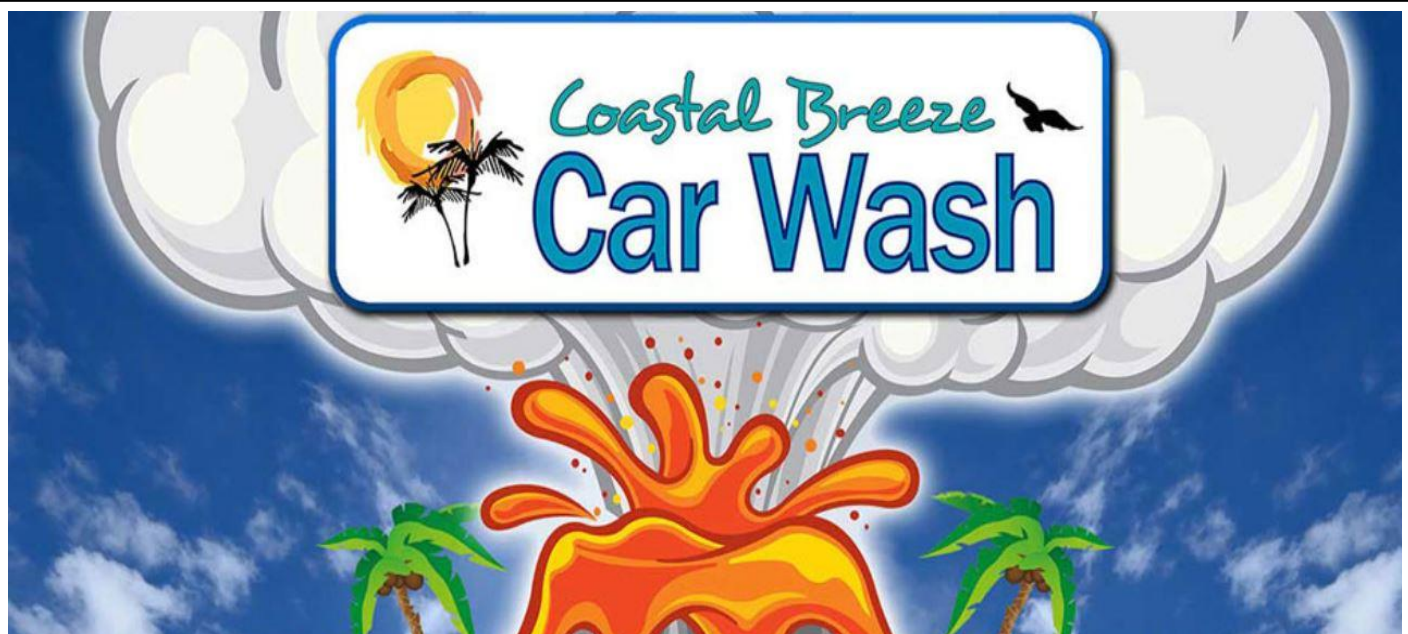
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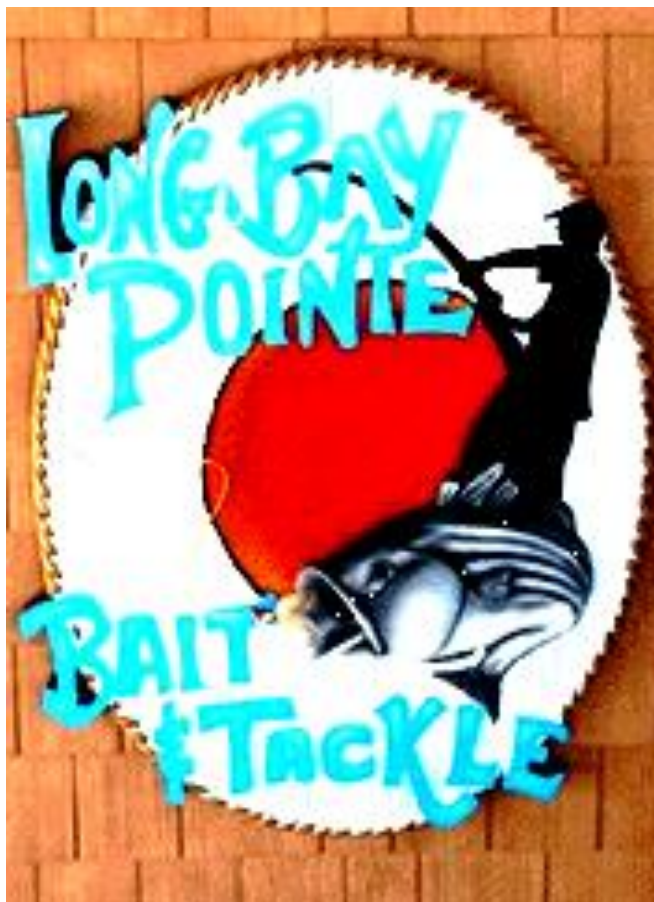
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Our Objectives:

- ❖ 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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