



July 2020

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## *Tight Line*

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## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Meeting:

**July meeting is cancelled.**

### When:

### Where:

### Meeting Speaker:

### Meeting Subject

**Stay Well and Be Safe!**

## **July & Future Information Notes:**

- **Virus Help Line – Please call Mark Lozier (757-754-0062) if you need anything during this time!!**
- **Crab Creek Clean Up – July 11 .**
- **Sandbridge Intra-Club Surf Tournament July 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Club boat fishing trip – July 25.**
- **Club meeting August 6 at Bayville Park.**
- **Seton Youth event August 1.**
- **Club fish fry – August 15.**

## **This Month's Quote**

**“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.”**

**Dolly Parton**

# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2020

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Bowfin	Jerry Hughes	5 lbs.
Yellow Perch	Preston Mangum	1 lb. 8 oz.
Flounder		
Tautog	Robert Oliver	7 lb. 2 oz.
Spadefish	Patty Searby	1lb. 13 oz.

Submissions  
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 Kelly Hoggard: 757-416-8817 or  
[fishnkelly@msn.com](mailto:fishnkelly@msn.com)

## Catch-A-Ride

### BOAT

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 Rich Maguire (757) 619-4851  
 Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282  
 Scott Nagen (571) 572-1023

### CREW

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## General Membership Meeting

June 25, 2020

Our first GMM since the start of COVID 19 stay at home restrictions was held on Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>. We had our meeting outside at the Bayville Farms Park, and it was a great success. 28 members were in attendance, Gerry Mariano, our head chef, cooked hot dogs and everyone shared their current fishing activities. While there was no formal agenda, several items were discussed.

Since most activities had to be cancelled or postponed in the spring, we are now planning several activities for the July/August time frame. Pat Searby drew the names for the participants on her July 25<sup>th</sup> club fishing trip with Jo Guffy. (see her separate email for the results) We are also planning to hold the Seton Youth activity day on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the CBF Pleasurehouse Point facility. Volunteers will be needed. Please email David Anderson to sign up. His email with all the particulars will follow shortly. Bryan Watkins is planning a second intracub surf tournament for July 18<sup>th</sup> at Sandbridge. His announcement with details will follow shortly. We are also going to hold our 1<sup>st</sup> annual fish fry on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

We're slowly starting to get back into the swing of club activities. Thank you to all the members that attended, and we're looking forward to seeing more of you at our August GMM to held on August 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the same place as our June/July meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

Thanks,

Bob Burstein,

President VBAC



## Our June/July Club Meeting



# Club Charter Fishing Trip

**Names were drawn at the General Membership Meeting for the charter boat trip on July 25, 2020. The following members have won a place on the boat.**

- 1. Patty Searby**
- 2. Kelly Hoggard**
- 3. David Van Daalen**
- 4. Ike Eisenhower**
- 5. Scott Nagem**
- 6. Bryan Watkins**

**The following alternates were also drawn:**

- 1. Bill Searby**
- 2. Patrick Deis**
- 3. Alan Hunter**
- 4. John Germanos**
- 5. Jerry Hughes**

**Congratulations!**

**Patricia Searby**

# Virginia Beach Anglers Club

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## Intra-club Surf Fishing Tournament

Date: Saturday July 18th ,2020

Venue: Little Island Park, Sandbridge, Va Beach

**3820 S Sandpiper Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23456**

Schedule: 7:00am- 11:00am

**\*\*\*Parking prices are \$5.00 for Non-Virginia Beach residents and \$3.00 for Virginia Beach residents. \*\*\***

- Lines in at 7 am sharp
- Please try and be a little early to set up and sign in
- Water and light snacks will be available
- You may fish no more than 2 poles
- Please bring a bucket to keep your fish waiting to be scored (I will have a few if you don't have one)

Remember the points earned in this tournament go toward your yearly intra-club qualifier total. The top 3 total points scorers for the year will have the opportunity to choose a spot on a team in a tournament of their choosing in 2021.



# **TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES**

Anglers are responsible for:

- Providing all equipment, bait, and tackle required to participate in the event.
- Having all appropriate licenses and observing/knowing all applicable fishing regulations, size limits, and published VBAC rules.
- At no time shall any angler have more than two lines in the water.
- Float rigs, balloons, plastic bags, etc. will not be allowed. No cast nets may be used during a fishing session.
- Chumming or chum pots at any time are not permitted. Anglers doing so will be disqualified.
- Not more than two hooks are allowed on one line at any time with the exception of two double hooked rigs, and artificial lures with hooks according to manufacturer's specifications.
- All tournament fish must be caught on hook or lure and landed on the beach by the angler.
- No lines are permitted to be in the water prior to starting time. All lines must be reeled in at the stopping time.
- Any fish hooked prior to end of the session will be scored when landed.
- It is the angler's responsibility to fish within the established boundaries of the designated fishing area.
- All fish shall be measured from the tip of the snout to the compressed tip of the tail once it has been determined the fish meets the minimum legal-size limit. Largest fish is determined by length to the nearest quarter inch.
- If an angler chooses to keep a legal fish, that fish must have its tail clipped by one of the judges.
- Any angler with questionable fish as determined by the Chief Judge, will be disqualified from the competition.
- In the event that an angler is unable to physically cast for themselves, a designated casting person must be identified before fishing begins.
- The event winner is determined by total points scored. First tiebreaker is total number of fish caught. Second tiebreaker is largest fish caught. If still tied, a winner will be determined by the flip of a coin by the Chief Judge.

## **SCORING**

**NOTE: Anglers MUST review all 2020 State Recreational angling and Tournament Rules PRIOR to fishing!**

Each angler may enter fish IAW eligible species and minimum size requirements listed below. Fish must also meet minimum **legal**-size limits to score.

Except for "Trash Fish," points are recorded based on **total length** of each scorable fish as measured from tip of snout to pinched down tail. All "Trash Fish" shall be recorded as "One Inch" and scored as one point per fish.

**Examples:** A 14-inch Bluefish scores 14 points. An 8-inch Croaker scores 8 points. A 6-inch Spot is not scorable. A stingray scores 1 point (regardless of size). A 17-inch Red Drum is **not** scorable. A 48-inch Shark scores 1 point.

## U.S. Coast Guard releases 2019 Recreational Boating Statistics Report

### *Alcohol was the leading factor in more than 100 deaths last year*

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Coast Guard has released its 2019 Recreational Boating Statistics Report, revealing that there were 613 boating fatalities nationwide in 2019, a 3.2 percent decrease from 2018.

From 2018 to 2019, the total number of accidents increased 0.6 percent (4,145 to 4,168), and the number of non-fatal injured victims increased 1.9 percent (2,511 to 2,559).

Alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2019, accounting for over 100 deaths, or 23 percent of total fatalities.

The report also shows that in 2019:

- The fatality rate was 5.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels, which tied as the second lowest rate in the program's history. This rate represents a 1.9 percent decrease from last year's fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Property damage totaled about \$55 million.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and alcohol use ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.

Where the cause of death was known, 79 percent of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 86 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

Capt. Scott Johnson, chief of the Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety at Coast Guard Headquarters, cited one case in November, in which a party of eight in Indiana attempted to cross the White River in a 14-ft boat. Overloaded, it capsized sending occupants into the water. Five perished from drowning as a result, including a 6-year old child. None of the victims were wearing a life jacket.

"It's critical for boaters to wear a life jacket at all times because it very likely will save your life. Ensure that it is serviceable, properly sized, and correctly worn." Johnson noted that sometimes victims had not fastened their life jacket properly, or had not replaced the expired cartridge in their inflatable life jacket. In one case, the cartridge had been modified, making it ineffective as a lifesaving device.

Where boating instruction was known, 70 percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had not received boating safety instruction. The Coast Guard recommends that all boaters take a boating safety course that meets the National Boating Education Standards prior to getting out on the water.

The most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats, personal watercraft, and cabin motorboats. Where vessel type was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (48 percent), kayaks (14 percent), and personal watercraft (8 percent).

The Coast Guard reminds all boaters to boat responsibly on the water: wear a life jacket, take a boating safety course, attach the engine cut-off switch, get a free vessel safety check, and boat sober.

"We praise our boating safety partners," said Johnson. "Together we strive to reduce loss of life, injuries and property damage by increasing the knowledge and skill of recreational boaters."

To view the 2019 Recreational Boating Statistics, visit [http://uscgboating.org/statistics/accident\\_statistics.php](http://uscgboating.org/statistics/accident_statistics.php). For more information on boating responsibly, visit <http://www.uscgboating.org>.

## **Here is the latest from the developer of the North Carolina offshore wind farm:**

"A new meteorological buoy was deployed just above the Triple Zeros (~41033) in 16 fathoms east of Kitty Hawk on June 7 to collect wind and environmental data. Real-time sea state and wind data are now available to the fishing fleet. All of the fisheries information for the Kitty Hawk Offshore wind project, including the latest fisheries notices, notices to mariners, Fisheries FAQs, and the buoy data dashboard are available online at [kittyhawkoffshore.com/fishing](http://kittyhawkoffshore.com/fishing)

The M/V GERRY BORDELON will continue conducting high resolution bathymetric and geophysical survey operations in the Kitty Hawk lease area and corridor through 2020. Additionally, the R/V KOMMANDOR SUSAN will conduct geotechnical surveys and sampling in the Kitty Hawk project area and corridor from July through August of 2020. Please find the attached fisheries notice providing additional information on the survey operations and meteorological buoy deployment.

Please let me know if you have any questions and please share with your fisheries constituents.

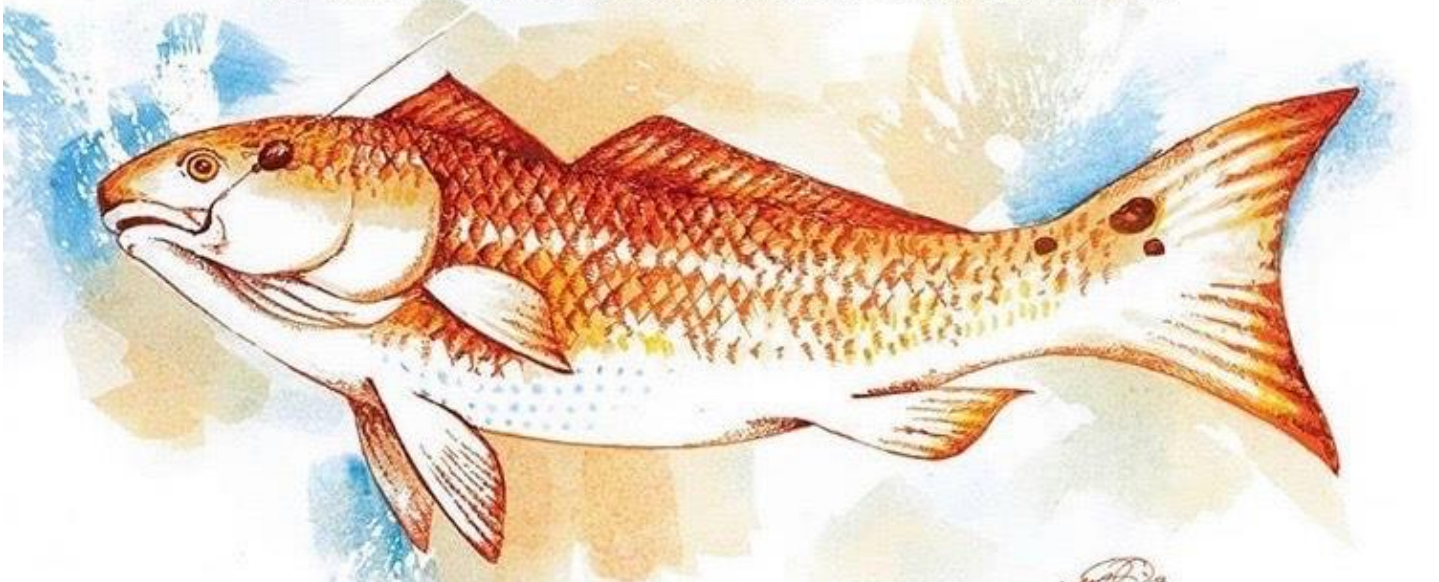
Thank you,

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# RED DRUM RODEO FISHING TOURNAMENT

August 6th-8th, 2020

A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT TO BENEFIT TIS YOUNG LIFE  
BY COASTAL VIRGINIA FISHING TOURNAMENTS



## PRIZES

Grand Prize: \$5,000

*Largest Drum by Length*

Overall Runner Up: \$1,000

### Plus other prizes to be awarded:

- Junior (18 & under) Division: Largest Red Drum by length
- Most Red Drum over 100cm • Red Drum with Most Spots
- Largest Drum on a Fly Rod • Largest Cobia (length)

*Detailed rules & guidelines posted on website: [www.reddrumrodeo.com](http://www.reddrumrodeo.com)*

## REGISTRATION

Individual: \$75.00

Junior (18 & under): \$45

Boat (up to 6 anglers): \$300

## CAPTAIN'S MEETING

August 5th • 6:00 P.M. • Eastern Shore & Virginia Beach Locations TBD

## POST TOURNAMENT PARTY & AWARDS CEREMONY

August 9th • 3:00 P.M. • SMARTMOUTH PILOT HOUSE



## *Some Quarantine Humor*

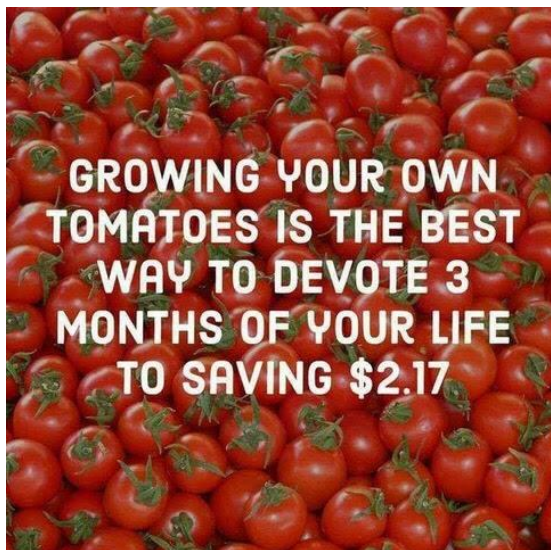
"Sometimes, when I reflect on all the beer I drink, I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I did not drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. I think, it is better to drink this beer & let dreams come true, than be selfish & worry about my liver."

**Babe Ruth**

**What if they close  
grocery stores and  
we have to hunt for  
our food?**

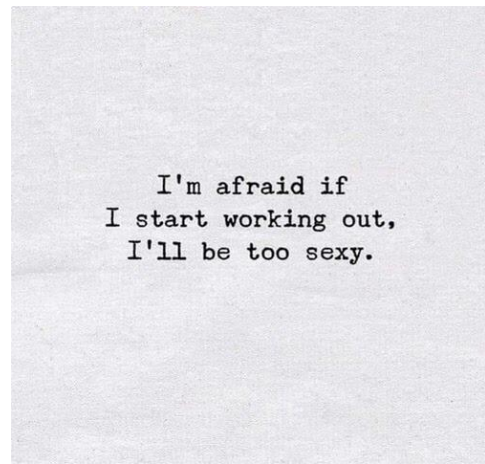
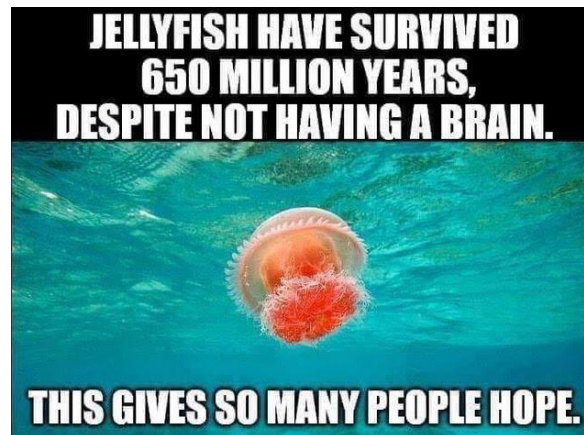
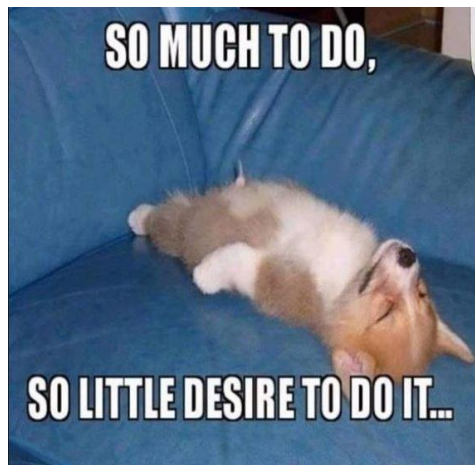
**I don't even know  
where Little Debbie  
lives 🤔**

The emotional support dog after I  
get done telling it my problems.



**Guys I need your help.  
I'm in the middle of an  
argument with my wife  
and she just told me that  
I'm right. What the hell  
do I do next?!**

## *Some More Quarantine Humor*





## *Some More Quarantine Humor*

Apart from being exhausted,  
financially unstable,  
nearing a mental breakdown  
and being fat,  
everything is great.  
Thanks.

**I tried donating blood  
today...NEVER  
AGAIN!!!  
Too many stupid  
questions. Who's  
blood is it? Where did  
you get it from? Why  
is it in a bucket?**

**ALL FOOD MUST GO TO  
THE LAB FOR TESTING**



How am i doing? Well, I  
just wiped down the container  
of Lysol wipes with a Lysol  
wipe. So I'm fine.  
Everything's fine



**Day 25 of quarantine.  
All that is left in the pantry is  
Vienna sausages and jello.**

I was visiting my DAUGHTER last night  
when I  
asked if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century" she said. "We  
don't waste  
money on newspapers. Here, use my  
iPad."

I can tell you this... that fly never knew  
what hit him...



# Even More Quarantine Humor

**Remember wishing the weekend would last forever? Happy now?!?!**

He's not even remotely sorry



They think they're going to the vet when in reality they are headed to the dog park.

**THE COPS JUST LEFT,  
THEY SAID IF I WAS GONNA WALK  
AROUND THE HOUSE NAKED,  
I HAVE TO DO IT INSIDE.**

sun-gazing.com  
infinity

**WHEN WE COME OUT OF THIS  
AND I ASK YOU WHERE YOU  
WANT TO EAT, I DO NOT WANT  
TO HEAR, "DON'T KNOW." YOU  
HAD 45 DAYS.**

**If you find  
something  
funny you'd  
like to share,  
please email  
it to Preston  
for the  
newsletter!**

**Wait, wait... you're telling me...**



**If I pee in the yard, I get a TREAT?**

**PROBABLY THE GREATEST  
NEWBORN COSTUME EVER**

CHARGE: Stealing his parents' hearts  
PLEA: Guilty



**I JUST DID  
9 MONTHS  
ON THE INSIDE  
|||| |**



## **2020 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>
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 – Bryan Watkins</b>
Club Tournaments:	<b>Chair – George Gabriel</b> <b>Co. Chair – Bob Burstein</b>
Pier Tournaments:	<b>Chair – Brian Watkins</b> <b>Co. Chair – Gary Doerhoff</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!**

# Chef's Corner: Pan-Fried Fish Roe Poppers

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JULY 2020

*This nutrition-packed Fish Roe recipe is quick, easy, and makes a great appetizer, snack, or meal any time of the day or night!*



***Fresh Pan-Fried Sea Mullet Roe with Lemon and Tabasco!***

Waste not, want not continues to be my theme as I explore the ethical utilization of all edible morsels from our catch or harvest. Roe is no exception and is an ethereal “*Super Food*” packed with protein, essential fats, vitamins, and minerals.

Fish Roe is an excellent source of Omega-3 Fatty Acids and at between 120-170 Calories per 3-ounce serving, it packs a powerful nutritional punch and substantial value based on recommended daily allowances:

- |                 |      |              |    |
|-----------------|------|--------------|----|
| • Vitamin B-12: | 142% | • Vitamin A: | 5% |
| • Vitamin D:    | 103% | • Potassium: | 5% |
| • Protein:      | 38%  | • Magnesium: | 4% |
| • Vitamin C:    | 23%  | • Iron:      | 3% |
| • Vitamin B-6:  | 5%   | • Calcium:   | 2% |

If that's not enough incentive to salvage and prepare this delectable "*by product*" of our catch, fresh Roe is also rich, piquant, and savory for those that make the effort to explore its culinary diversity!

Roe is also high in cholesterol, but its nutritional profile offers potential *benefits* for cholesterol levels. All but 1.5 g of the 7 g of fat in each 3-oz. serving is unsaturated, rather than saturated or trans-fat, which are unhealthy fats. This is fantastic given its massive nutritional benefits, so let's explore this *Super Food* candidate in more detail!

In our restaurant years, my father always ordered fresh fish "*on-the-hoof*" to ensure we got the most value per pound during the processing stages while ensuring our patrons received only the freshest catch available, and I was the "*lucky*" processor!

Whether it was large Grey Trout, Flounder, Mahi, and Striped Bass, or Panfish such as Pompano, Spots, Croakers, and Kingfish, I saved the Roe from every fish I cleaned or filleted. These small delicacies became family meals back in the day, and for our most learned customers, we served "*off the board*" specials of fried Roe *a la carte* or as an addition to our many fried and broiled seafood platter combos. They would simply ask their server for "*a side of roe,*" and it was so!

To this day, I save even the smallest sets of Roe pulled from Kingfish, Spanish Mackerel, Bluefish, Spots, Croakers, and Smooth Puffers as they find their way into my cooler each spring. The picture above right, for example, includes small sets of Roe pulled from a day's catch of Blues, Kingfish, Spanish, and a Puffer.

What a GREAT appetizer!!

Virtually all fish are full of Roe in the spring and early summer, but most folks simply don't want to use it.

Unfortunately, they discard the Roe with the carcasses, typically because they are unfamiliar with anything but Shad Roe.

They truly do not know what they are missing, so hopefully, this article will trigger an enlightenment that propels this up the list of must-have Super Foods!



***Fried Roe Poppers!***



***A typical May morning catch in the OBX surf!***



***Fresh fillets and sweet sets of roe for the skillet!***

Whether it is big or small, bright red or pale yellow, fish Roe is a culinary gift of spring and a nutritional power-pack.

So have an open mind, and "***Just Say Yes***" the next time you're asked if you want to keep that Roe.

Now, on with this month's featured recipe!



## Fried Fish Roe Poppers

Pictured at right is my 2020 citation Sea Mullet which produced a 2-ounce set of Roe for the skillet. It weighed-in at 1 lb 9 oz, so that saturated 2-oz Roe sack literally qualified it as a citation! No way was I wasting that succulent set of Roe!

### Ingredients:

\*12 or more sets of fresh Sea Mullet Roe (other types of roe work too!)

1 cup House Autry's Seafood Breeding (or your favorite breeding!)

1 egg, beaten

¼-cup milk

2-4 tablespoons of oil (bacon grease, olive oil, butter, canola, etc. - can also use a deep-fat fryer if preferred)

Fresh lemon, halved

Tabasco sauce (optional)



***Author with a Fat Roe-Filled Citation Sea Mullet!***

**\*NOTE:** I used 2 dozen sets of Sea Mullet roe in this instance, but virtually any roe is excellent, including Sea Trout, Spanish Mackerel, Southern Puffers, Bluefish, Spot, Sand Perch, Croaker, etc. Roe from freshwater panfish is excellent, too.

### Directions:

***Step 1: Carefully remove the Roe as you fillet the fish!***

Whatever Roe you do not plan to use right away should be par-frozen to maintain its shape, then vacuum-sealed for the freezer. It maintains its shape and freezes well when processed this way to ensure it can be enjoyed all summer!



***Two Dozen sets of roe removed from a spring 2020 catch of Sea Mullet, Bluefish, Sand Perch, Spot, and Smooth Dogfish!***



### ***Step 2: Prepare the Roe for the Fryer!***

Lightly coat each set of Roe in the breading mix.

Combine the egg and milk in a small bowl and beat into an egg wash.

Dip the Row in the egg wash and return to the breading for a heartier coating.

Use a toothpick to perforate each egg sack with 2 or 3 “vents” per sack (helps prevent it from popping in the skillet)



***Fresh Sea Mullet Roe!***



***Initial “dusting” of the Roe.***



***Note the perforations in each sack.***

### ***Step 3: Pan-frying the Roe!***

Heat oil to at least 375 degrees in your favorite pan-frying skillet (or deep-fat fryer). You want it hot for a quick sear.

Add the Roe and fry until golden on each side but be careful not overcook it – it’s best when the moisture is retained!

Remove the Roe Poppers onto paper towel and serve with lemon and Tabasco!



***Lightly pan-fry each side til golden.***



***The first batch of tasty morsels!***



***Golden fried Roe ready to serve!***

### ***Tips:***

- Perforating the roe sacks with a toothpick helps avoid excessive splatter
- Use a splatter screen over the skillet just in case
- Add the largest sets of roe to the skillet first since they take longer to cook

## Additional Ways to Enjoy Fresh or Prepared Fish Roe

I have replicated the above recipe with some variations for years, and it works for all kinds of Roe and ranging in size from less than an ounce to 5 or 6 ounces. But there are so many other ways to enjoy small or large sets of Roe, I had to list a few here – some of which may appear in future editions of the Chef's Corner!

Here's a list of more great dishes which feature this magnificent Super Food:

- Striped Bass Roe with Fresh Herbs
- Pan-Fried Mahi Roe
- Fish Egg Fritters
- Baked Whole Shad with Roe (an old-time Maryland tradition!)
- Fried Bluegill Eggs
- Spicy Fried Fish Egg Masala
- Fish Egg Fritters Curry
- Fish Eggs Benedict
- Taramasalata – I would shame my heritage if I didn't list this Grecian masterpiece!



***Striper Roe with Fresh Herbs!***

These are but a few of the recipes I have discovered and tried, and all are exceptional. The list indeed goes on!

The imagination is the limit, and as you learn how to master the art of preparing fresh Roe, you will come to appreciate all of the subtle nuances of each species-derived set – the textures and flavors will take you away to generations past when these delicacies provided crucial nutrition and were revered vice discarded to waste away with the carcasses.



***Spanish Mackerel Roe with Bacon!***



***Taramasalata – a Greek Staple!***



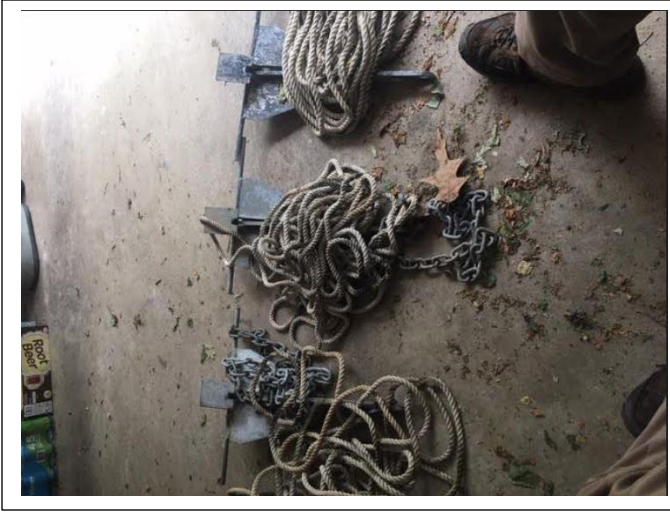
***Pan-fried Mahi Roe!***

So, the next time you catch a fat spring fish, look for those precious sets of Roe, and treat them with as much or more care as the rest of the catch – you will not be disappointed!

***Contributed by: VBAC member John Germanos, aka "The Instinctive Chef," and inspired by generations past.***



## *Items for Sale*



Person sold me these three for \$40.

Went to get one that was being sold for \$14. Keeping one. Selling the other two

I'll let go for \$15 each including chain and line. They cost \$35 each at BassPro. That doesn't include the chain and line which I'm throwing in. If you're interested, give Jerry Hughes (Doink) a call at 757-567-8728



New In Box. **ICOM IC-M73** unit.

\$199.99 on Amazon. For sale at \$100.00.

Contact:

Stan Sutliff  
[ss1836@cox.net](mailto:ss1836@cox.net)



## *Free to Members*

Virginia Beach Anglers Club has a number of styles of Lead fishing weights for its members on as as needed basis. Call and see if we can help.

Call Michael Anderson 481-1296 and leave a message.

# *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*

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## **See What's New in the 2020 Fishing Regulations**

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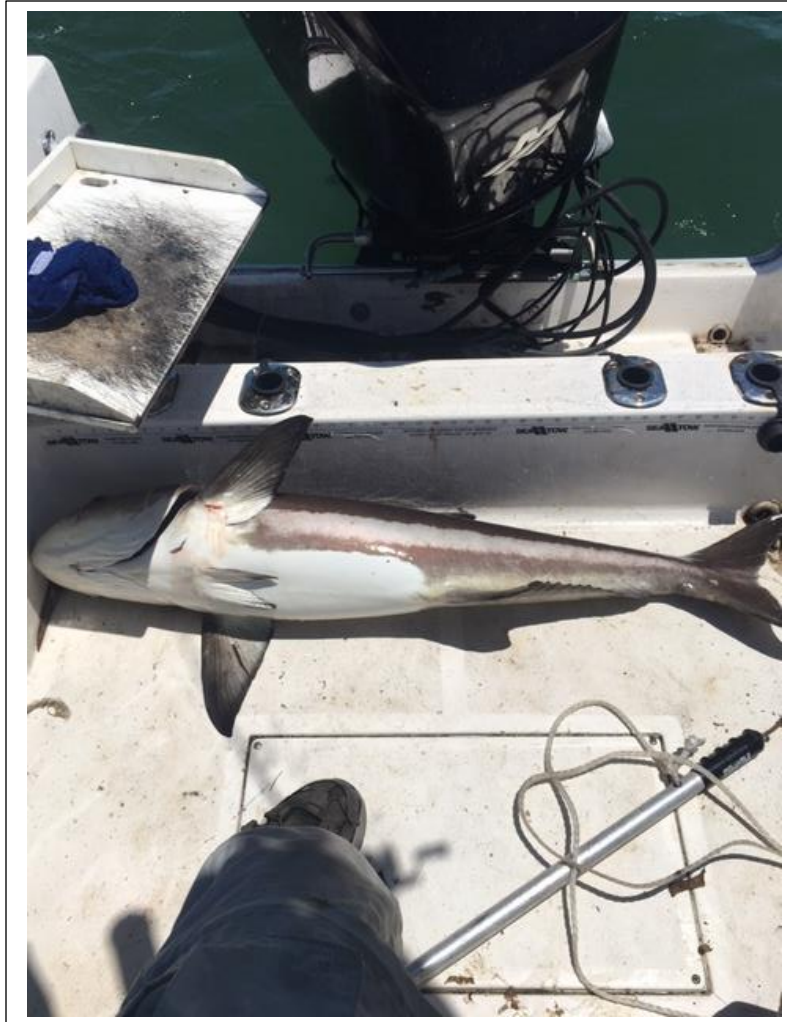
Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where	Weight
Amberjack					
Black Drum					
Blackfin Tuna					
Blackbelly Rosefish	Ike Eisenhower	25-Jun		Norfolk Canyon	1lb 7 oz
Blueline Tilefish	Kelly Hoggard	25-Jun		Norfolk Canyon	13 lb O oz
Bluefish					
Cobia					
Dolphin					
Flounder					
Golden Tilefish					
Grey Trout					
Houndfish					
King Mackerel					
Oyster Toad	Robert Oliver	22-Apr	16.25"	CBBT	3lb 13oz
Pinfish					
Pompano					
Puffer Fish (smooth)					
Puppy Drum					
Red Hake	Kelly Hoggard	25-Jun		Norfolk Canyon	2 lb 5 oz
Red Drum					
Roundhead	John Germanos	14-Jun		Ramp 55 NC	1lb 9 oz
Sea Bass					
Sea Robin	Kelly Hoggard	9-Jun		Ches Light Tower	1lb 6 oz
Shark					
Southern Puffer Fish	Patty Searby	25-May	9.5"	Sandbridge	13oz
Spanish Mackerel					
Spadefish					
Speckled Trout					
Spot					
Swallowtail Bass					
Tautog	Robert Oliver	28-Apr		CBBT	7lb 2 oz
White Marlin					

# Largest Saltwater Fish (Released) 2020

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Where	Weight
Amberjack					
Black Drum					
Blackfin Tuna					
Blackbelly Rosefish					
Blueline Tilefish					
Bluefish	Frank James	14-May	33.5"	Rudee Inlet	
Cobia	Robert Oliver	9-Jun	37.5"	CBBT	
Dolphin					
Flounder					
Golden Tilefish					
Grey Trout					
Houndfish					
King Mackerel					
Oyster Toad					
Pinfish					
Pompano					
Puffer Fish (smooth)					
Puppy Drum					
Red Drum					
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	17-May	13.125"	Salvo Beach NC	
Sea Bass					
Sea Robin					
Shark					
Southern Puffer Fish					
Spanish Mackerel					
Spadefish					
Speckled Trout					
Spot	Robert Oliver	2-Jun	9"	Lynnhaven Inlet	
Swallowtail Bass					
Tautog	Kelly Hoggard	28-Apr	20.25"	CBBT	
White Marlin					

# *Saltwater Fishing News*

Jerry Hughes has been fishing every day the weather has permitted for cobia. The picture below is his most recent catch with a comment below.



**48"**

**Caught 5 Cow Nose Rays and 1 Eastern Ray before this happened.**

**Got my workout in!**

# *Saltwater Fishing News*

## **Blind Date Deep Drop – by Kelly Hoggard**

### **An Epic Deep Sea Adventure!**

For my yearly trip with Captain Stan Gold on Blind Date Charters, I invited Bryan Watkins and Dave Anderson to accompany me. There was also a last minute edition of Ike Eisenhower to join the party. Together, the five of us left the dock shortly after 5 in the morning on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The seas were calm, the sunrise was beautifully red and orange, and the fishing was amazing. We received a sprinkle or two throughout the day, but almost no rain fell as was forecasted. Winds were light and less than 5 mph the entire trip.

Stan primarily charts as a deep drop captain, so his equipment and rigs are always on point. But with the calm seas and slow drift, I knew I had an opportunity to put my new Seigler SGN to work with the 168g jigging rod I bought for it. I knew if it could handle some nice togs, then bottom fishing for small to medium sized fish would be very doable. We started fishing for blueline tilefish. The bite was not very hot to start. Ike was the first to hook up, and myself shortly after. We boated the fish and without bites, moved a short distance away where a rip indicated a little more current. Even in this heavier current, our drift was barely .4 kts. Ike was quickly rewarded with one of the best catches of the day! A 12 lb 6 oz blueline tilefish came over the side.

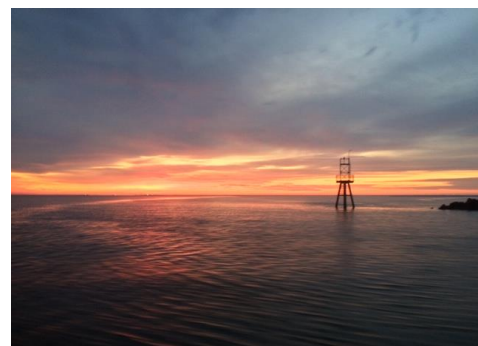
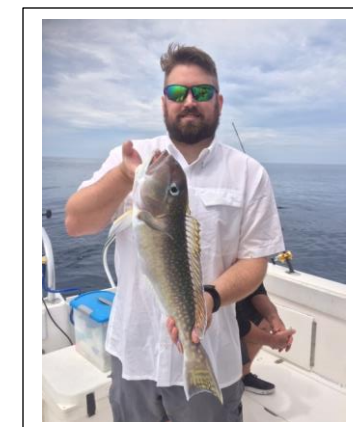
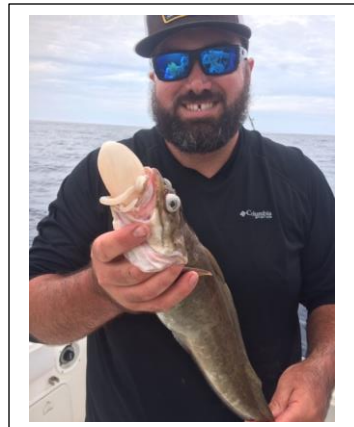
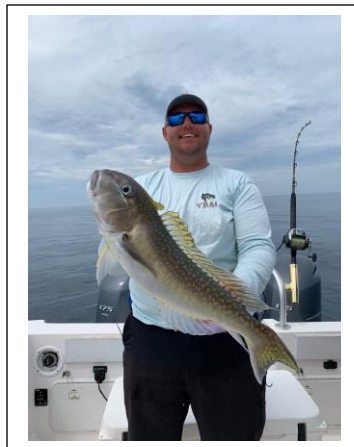
We slowly picked through the scattered fish and then found some nicer bites closer to where we began fishing initially. I hooked up on citation blueline Tilefish that fought hard and pulled quite a lot of drag. The first weighed in at 12 lb 4 oz. Shortly after, Bryan had nice bites and hooked up to a tile. Dave was noticing that his rig was being affected by the fish and he continued to reel to keep up with Bryan so the extra line wouldn't tangle. When the fish made it to the boat, captain Stan pulled the fish over the side. To our surprise! The fish was hooked on the top hook of both rigs! My second citation came on the last drift and was nearly the last fish to reach our limit. It weighed a hefty 13 lb. I was ecstatic to finally get that citation blueline I had been craving for many years. It was a quick hour and a half to get the bluelines.

Stan moved us to a new location to target some golden tilefish. This area ranged around 500-800 feet of water. As we were rigging up, it was apparent that we had the right crew on board. Everyone was craving that opportunity to hand crank that big golden. That's right, no electric reels for this crew! We dropped initially with no bites. It was obvious now how miserable hand cranking could be, but it would be worth it when the bite would come to us. We moved a short distance away. A shark surfaced nearby and as it did, Ike and I almost immediately had the first bites. I gave it a little tug and knew I was hooked up! I cranked and cranked and cranked until that golden came up to the side of the boat and I slung him over. My first golden tilefish! Dave was second to get a hookup and he reeled his beautiful golden in. I hooked a fish at about the same time, but Dave was certainly getting his up faster, mine was taking drag to go back to the bottom! After a long fight, the golden came over the side and it weighed in at 18 lb. The bite was a little slow after. We picked around at the tilefish grounds and got one or two fish per drift.

Bryan later got a sizeable golden to add to his fishing career. On one of the other drifts; Dave, Bryan, and myself were all hooked up to a golden tilefish. As Dave was fighting, we noticed the line go slack. Sadly, it appeared a shark got the better of one of our fish for the day and broke the rig. It looked like a nice fish with such a strong fight. After we caught our fish, we reset our drift. I was the first to get a bite on the next drift. It was a very heavy fish and fought much more aggressively than I expected. I was getting pretty tired of pulling all this weight. The fight must have lasted about 20 minutes. When we finally got eyes on the fish, I was surprised that it was only around 10 pounds. But as we pulled the fish up, we noticed a green power pro line tangled in my rig. Well, there weren't any rods out with green power pro, so we got started on pulling, and pulling, and pulling, and pulling... and suddenly, here it comes! Dave's rig with his lost tilefish comes right to the surface! We sling it in the boat and it's a two for one with a recovered rig. There must have been a couple hundred feet of handline to get that fish in. I suppose Stan gets partial credit for getting it the rest of the way up. At this point, we now had two incredible stories for the day.



# *Saltwater Fishing News*



# *Surf Fishing News*

## Virginia Beach Anglers Club

### 2020 Surf Tournament Teams

#### **Hatteras Village**

##### Team A

Stan Sutliff  
Butch Eason  
John Germanos  
Mark Wallace  
Melanie Bayford  
Bub Schuster

#### **September 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

##### Team B

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Patty Searby  
John Gabriel  
Russell Willoughby  
Doug Wehner

#### **Long Beach Island**

##### Team A

Robbie Parks  
Jerry Hughes  
Greg Wehner  
Bob Stuhlman  
Doug Wehner  
Bill Frunzi

#### **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

##### Team B

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Gerry Mariano  
John Gabriel(Intra qualifier pick)  
Bill Searby  
Chris Schneider

#### **Nags Head**

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Doug Wehner  
Gerry Mariano  
Miki Walsh

#### **October 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

##### Team B

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#### **November 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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Carl Mckoy  
Mark Wray

# ***Freshwater Fishing News***

## Fresh Water Largest Fish (Kept) 2020

Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where	Weight
Blue Catfish					
Bluegill					
Bowfin	Jerry Hughes	16-Apr		NW River	5lb
Carp					
Chain Pickerel					
Black Crappie	Russel Willoughby	10-Feb		Lake Smith	1.64lb
Largemouth Bass					
Longnose Gar					
Northern Pike					
N Snake Head	Frank James	13-Jun		Aquia Creek	8.2lb
Sunfish					
Warmouth (Bass)	Alan Hunter	3-Apr		Piankatank	8 oz.
White Perch					
Yellow Perch	Preston Mangum	11-May		Lake Prince	1# 8oz

# ***Freshwater Fishing News***

## Fresh Water Largest Fish (Release) 2020

Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where	Weight
Blue Catfish	Ike Eisenhower	31-Jan	38"	NW River	
Bluegill	Melanie Bayford	20-Mar	9.5"	Piankitank	
Bowfin	Melanie Bayford	7-Jan	23"	Piankatank	
Carp	Alan Hunter	17-Mar	30"	Piankitank	
Chain Pickerel	Melanie Bayford	2-May	24.5"	Beaverdam	
Black Crappie	Melanie Bayford		15"	Beaverdam	
Largemouth Bass	Ike Eisenhower	4-Mar	22 1/2"	Lake Smith	
Longnose Gar					
Northern Pike	Melanie Bayford	11-Apr	23"	Beaverdam	
N Snakehead	Frank James	13-Jun	30"	Aquia Creek	
Sunfish	Melanie Bayford	26-May	8"	Gardy's Mill	
Warmouth (Bass)					
White Perch	Melanie Bayford	16-May	13"	Beaverdam	
Yellow Perch	Alan Hunter	7-May	12"	Mt Landing	



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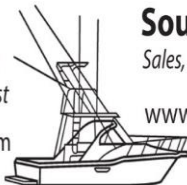
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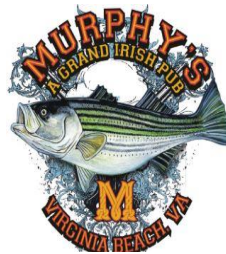
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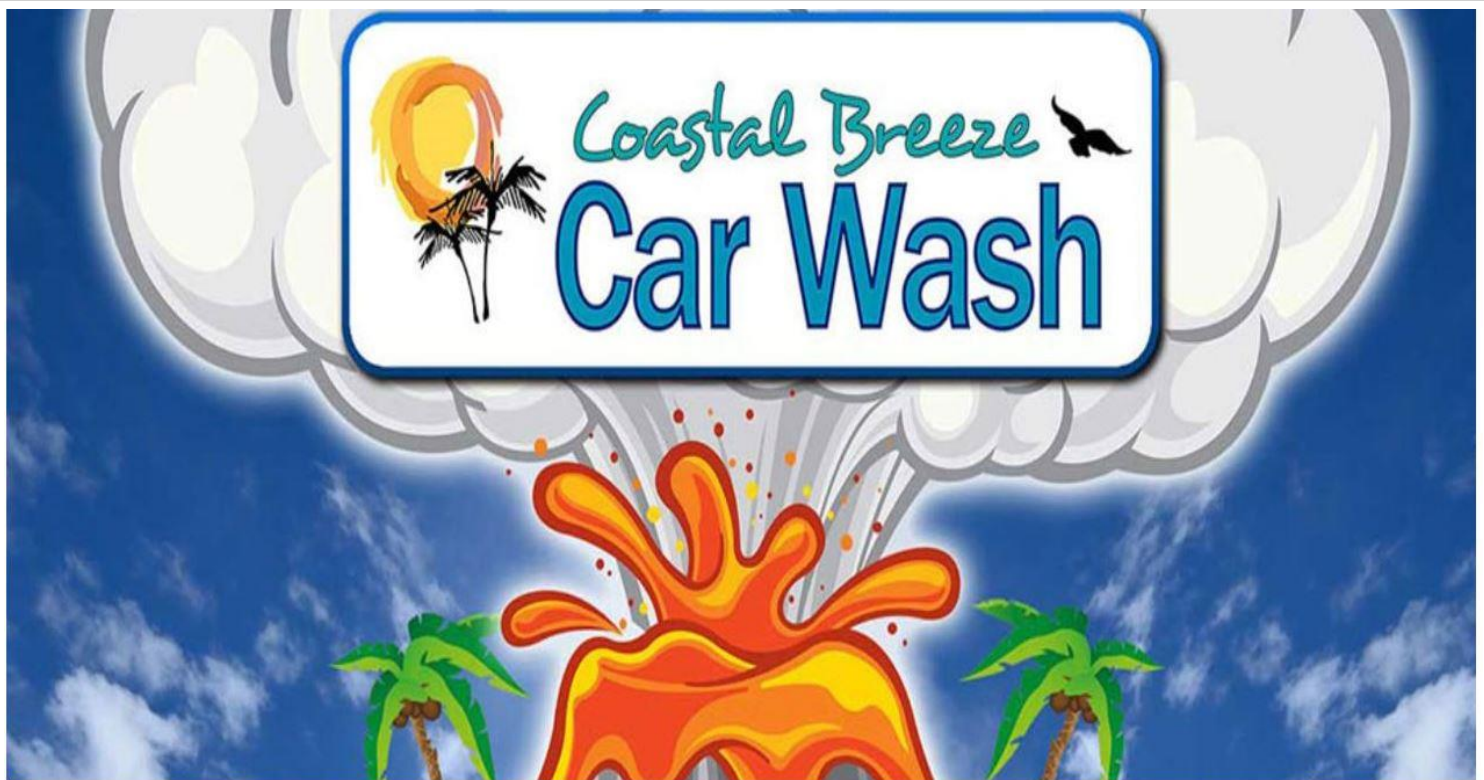


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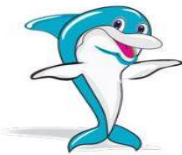


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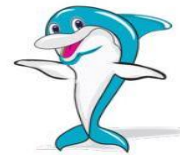
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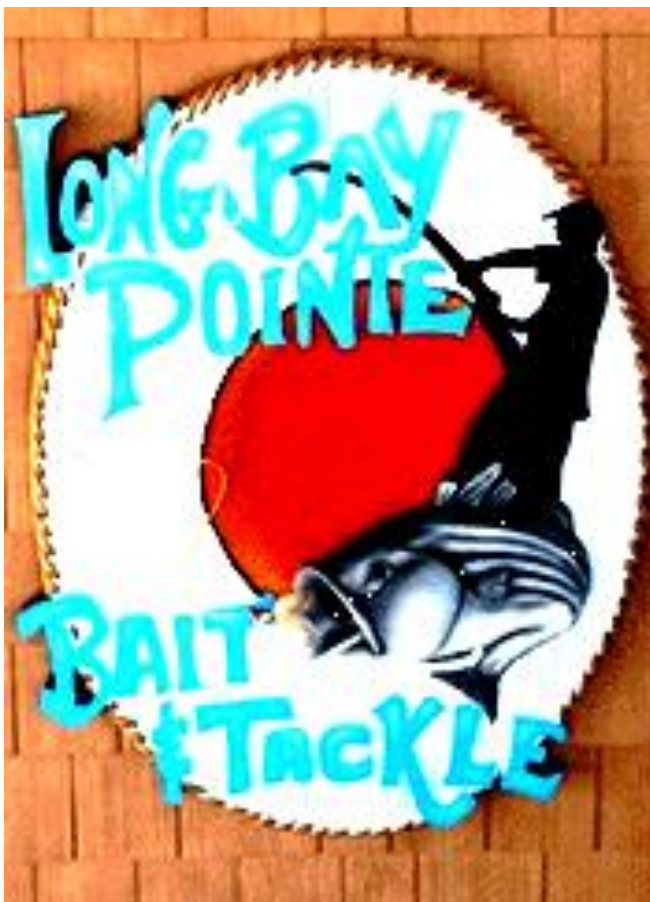


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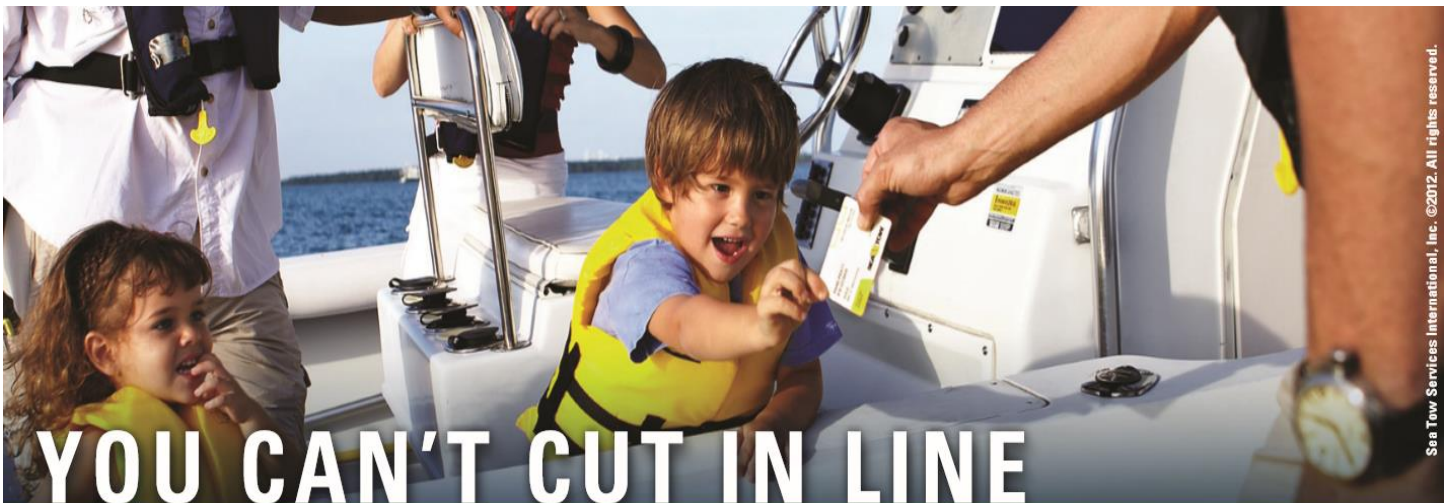
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- ❖ Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
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