



October 2020

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## *Tight Line*

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## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Meeting:

**When: 7:30 P M October 8, 2020**

**Where: Potters House Church - 1045 Lynnhaven Parkway, VB**

**Meeting Speaker: Captain Alex Perez**

**Meeting Subject:**

**See You There!**

### **October & Future Information Notes:**

- **Virus Help Line – Please call Mark Lozier (757-754-0062) if you need anything during this time!!**
- **Crab Creek Cleanup – Saturday, October 3.**
- **Club meeting October 8 at Potters House Church. The address is 1045 Lynnhaven Parkway. It's near the intersection of Lynnhaven Parkway and Lamplight Lane. The meeting will start at 7:30. Please wear your mask and observe pandemic rules and cautions.**

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

A jellyfish has existed as a species for 500 million years, surviving just fine without a brain. That gives hope to quite a few people.

# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2020

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Current Leader</u> | <u>Weight</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Bowfin         | Melanie Bayford       | 5 lbs. 7oz.   |
| Yellow Perch   | Preston Mangum        | 1 lb. 8 oz.   |
| Flounder       | Lou Corigliano        | 2 lb. 7 oz.   |
| Tautog         | Robert Oliver         | 7 lb. 2 oz.   |
| Spadefish      | Patty Searby          | 1lb. 13 oz.   |

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 Kelly Hoggard: 757-416-8817 or  
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## Catch-A-Ride

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### CREW

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*Add your name to either list by sending an email to*  
***vbanglersclub@gmail.com***

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|          |     |  |
|----------|-----|--|
| OCTOBER  | 8   | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – The Potters House<br>1045 LYNNHAVEN PARKWAY, VB - 7:30 PM |
|          | CNX | NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT  |
|          | 10  | Interclub Surf Fishing Tournament – Sandbridge Pavilion #1                             |
|          | 15  | BOARD MEETING – LOCATION TBD   |
|          | CNX | FALL OYSTER ROAST – BROCK CENTER   |
| NOVEMBER | CNX | KAYAK TOURNAMENT   |
|          | 5   | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – LOCATION TBD  |
|          | CNX | CAPE HATTERAS ANGLER'S CLUB INVITATIONAL SURF<br>FISHING TOURNAMENT                    |
| DECEMBER | 19  | BOARD MEETING – LOCATION TBD   |
|          | 3   | GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – CHRISTMAS PARTY<br>& GENERAL ELECTIONS – LOCATION TBD     |
|          | CNX | CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT   |
|          | 17  | BOARD MEETING – LOCATION TBD   |

## **Our October 8 Meeting**

The upcoming meeting will be our first “inside” meeting in a very long while. We are still in the midst of a pandemic and as such, need to be aware of the safety of both ourselves and others in attendance. As a result, **please bring and wear a mask during the entire meeting and observe social distancing rules.**

The meeting will be held at 1045 Lynnhaven Parkway at The Potters House Church and begin at 7:30.

**Yes Anglers, There Will Be A Raffle!!**

**To celebrate this momentous occasion, we will be raffling a monster first prize!**

**Instead of a choice of one major prize, there will be TWO separate first prizes!**

**There will also be the regular door prizes.**

**See You There!**



# Virginia Beach Anglers Club



## 1st Annual Interclub Surf Fishing Tournament



**Saturday October 10th ,2020**

Little Island Park (Sandbridge)

10:00am - 2:00pm

**\$100 DOLLAR GIFT CARD TO WINNER!**

**Please register by  
October 8th, 2020**

Tournament Rules and prizes to follow at a later date.

Looking for 4 judges if you are interested please call  
or email Bryan Watkins !

Questions or to Register  
***Watkinsautorenewal@gmail.com***

757-831-9724  
Bryan Watkins

# Virginia Beach Anglers Club

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Interclub Surf Fishing Tournament

Date: Saturday October 10th, 2020

Venue: Little Island (Sandbridge) Pavilion # 1

Schedule: Sign in from 9:00am -9:45am  
Lines in at 10:00am- 2:00pm

-Lines in at 10 am sharp

-\*\*MUST HAVE CURRENT FISHING LICENSE\*\*

-Please try and be a little early to set up and sign in

-Water and light snacks will be available

-lunch to follow

-You may fish 1 pole

-Please bring a bucket to keep your fish waiting to be scored

### Awards

**\$100 Dollar Gift Card to Overall Winner**

**\$25(4) To Longest fish of each (Bluefish, Roundhead, Croaker, Red Drum)**

*Door prizes will also be drawn at the awards lunch to follow*



# Tournament Rules

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 **ONE** line 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.

# Tournament Rules Continued

## SCORING

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

**First 11 inches = 1 point**

**Each additional FULL inch = 1 additional point for each**

Each angler may enter all tournament eligible species with the minimum size requirements (11inches). Fish must also meet minimum legal-size limits to score.

Points are recorded based on **total length** of each scorable fish as measured from tip of snout to pinched down tail (or Fork length if required to be legal)

**Examples:** A 14-inch Bluefish scores 14 points. An 11-inch Croaker scores 11 points.. A 17-inch Red Drum is not scorable. A 10- inch bluefish is not scoreable.

Judges will keep a master sheet of the anglers they are covering. A scoring sheet will be provided to each angler to keep track of his/her own points. The judges' sheet will be the final scores tallied to determine the winner. Reference the tournament rules above.



As our offshore work on the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) projects continues into the Fall of 2020, we remain committed to maintaining communications with the fishing community and other mariners in the area via these periodic updates. All mariners are encouraged to contact Dominion Energy's Fisheries Liaisons with any specific questions about the status of the projects in relation to fisheries.

CVOW Pilot Project (CVOW-P) commissioning activities are expected to be complete within the September 2020 timeframe. Once commissioning activities are complete, the buoys marking the restricted access construction zone will be removed. Until that time, access to the area remains restricted to project service vessels, including the Siem Dorado, the Gaspee and the Delta Escape. The newly built Windserve Odyssey, a Jones-Act Compliant crew transfer vessel (CTV), will also be deployed on the site in the near future. The CVOW-P turbines and the export cable route are now displayed on the updated NOAA Nautical Charts (Chart #s 12200 and 12221).



# Offshore Wind Project

Offshore survey activities for the Commercial Project (CVOW-C) are expected to continue through the October 2020 timeframe. The survey vessel(s) Kommandor Iona and Minerva Uno will join the group of existing survey vessels operating in the area, which include the Sarah Bordelon, Marcelle Bordelon, Dina Polaris and the Northstar Commander. The Minerva Uno will be completing operations along the export cable route and the Kommandor Iona will work within the commercial lease area. Activities will be conducted 24/7; please consult the [Fifth Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners](#) for additional information on vessel activity.



Kommandor Iona



Minerva Uno



# Some Funny Stuff & Alleged Canadian Billboards



## TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

- #1 - It's okay to talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice
  - #2 - "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
  - #3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
  - #4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
  - #5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
  - #6 - "On time" is when you get there.
  - #7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.
  - #8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
  - #9 - Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
  - #10 - Growing old should have taken longer.
  - #11 - Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
  - #12 - You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.
- "One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.



# Our September Meeting





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## **2020 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:**

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Boat Show:                    | <b>Chair – Russell Willoughby</b>  |
| Calendar:                     | <b>Chair – Butch Eason</b><br><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><br><b>Co. Chair – Bob Burstein</b><br><b>Chair – Brian Watkins</b> |
| Pier Tournaments:             | <b>Co. Chair – Gary Doerhoff</b>   |
| Prize Fish:                   | <b>Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>   |
| Nomination Committee:         | <b>Chair – Butch Eason</b><br><b>Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard</b><br><b>Co. Chair Beth Synoweic</b>   |
| Conservation and Regulations: | <b>Chair – Butch Eason</b><br><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: Sheephead Stew Rodanthe-Style

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OCTOBER 2020

*Sheepshead Fish Stew is a low-calorie, nutritious one-pot meal loaded with rich flavors and heart-healthy ingredients!*

Waste not, want not continues to be my theme as I explore the ethical use of all edible morsels from our catch or harvest.

Sheepshead fish makes excellent table fare. It feeds on small mollusks and crustaceans, and its mild, sweet flavor reflects this gourmet diet!

The meat is a great source of protein and heart-healthy Omega 3 fatty acids. It is high in riboflavin, vitamin B6 nutrients, and is rich in niacin, magnesium, potassium, and selenium.

The fish used for this recipe were caught during the summer of 2019 on the Rodanthe Fishing Pier on Hatteras Island, NC. However, Sheepheads are abundant throughout Southeastern Virginia and the Carolinas.

Because of the Sheephead's anatomy, a significant amount of meaty flesh typically remains on the carcass once the fillets are removed. This recipe is a great way to utilize the succulent meat from the scaled, cleaned, and filleted Sheephead carcasses. The key word being FRESH!

The head, neck, and collar meat are wonderful, as are the morsels pulled from the ribs and rich, muscular fins.

Sheepies love barnacle-covered structures and pilings, so piers and bridges are excellent places to find these hard fighting fish. However, be sure to bring a lot of bait – typically fiddler crabs or sand fleas – because these fish are light biters and notorious bait stealers! Their human-like teeth make them great bait thieves, and with their characteristic black bar coloring, Sheephead anglers have affectionately nicknamed it the "Convict Fish!"

When I target Convicts on the pier, I like to use a hand-tied triple dropper bottom rig with 30-pound fluorocarbon and 1/0 Live Bait J-hooks. I add a bank sinker with just enough weight to hold bottom.

The triple dropper allows me to cover more of the water column, and it gives me three strikes to set the hook in that bony mouth!

On this day, I was averaging one hook-up every 10-15 bites, so I went through a lot of sand fleas to put enough Sheepies in the cooler for dinner!

I broiled the fresh fillets for dinner and reserved the cleaned, scaled carcasses for my fish stock.



***Fish Stew and Oyster Crackers make for a Great OBX Lunch!***



***Sheepshead teeth are great for scraping barnacles off structured and crushing small mollusks and crustaceans.***

## Rodanthe-Style Sheepshead Fish Stew

Pictured at right are a pair of Rodanthe Sheepshead that made their way into this recipe!

### Ingredients:

#### *Fish Stock for the Stew:*

3 Sheepshead carcasses (scaled & cleaned with fillets removed)  
6-10 garlic cloves, crushed to release oils  
3-5 bay leaves  
1 tablespoon whole black peppercorns  
Vegetable trimmings and ends (onion, peppers, celery, carrots, etc.)  
Enough water to cover all ingredients in a large stock pot

#### *Stew Ingredients:*

Sheepshead meat pulled from bones (I also had some leftover meat from broiled Sheepies that I used)

**NOTE:** Another alternative is to cube one or two fillets to add at the end if you want a more chunky, meaty stew

5-6 medium potatoes, diced  
2-3 medium onions, chopped  
4-6 celery stalks with leaves, chopped  
3-4 carrots, diced  
Large carton fresh tomatoes, finely chopped (cherry, Roma, Beefsteak, etc.)  
1 cup peppers, chopped (medley of Poblano, Jalapeno, & Green Pepper)  
Whole kernel corn, shaved fresh from the cob (optional)  
1/2 cup ketchup  
1/2 stick of butter  
½ cup Corn Starch (more if needed...easier to add than take away!)

#### *Spices:*

1-1/2 tablespoon whole leaf thyme (or more to taste)  
1 tablespoon leaf oregano  
Sea salt to taste  
Black pepper to taste

**Variations:** This recipe is not rigid by any means, and once you have strained the stock, there are many ways to play this based on your personal taste and what you have on hand. Other ingredients that will work include canned tomatoes, okra, green peas, minced clams, shrimp, mussels, etc. So, try my list of ingredients, but feel free to improvise at will!

### Directions:

Any good fish recipe begins with immediately getting the fish on ice after the catch to preserve the freshness and firm-up the texture for the cleaning station. Then, proceed to scale the fish, one at a time, returning each to the ice before scaling the next to keep the fish cold.

Once all fish are scaled and rinsed, clean each fish by removing the gills and entrails. Return to the ice immediately after rinsing as you go. If you plan to grill, broil, or bake the fish whole, this is all that needs to be done. Sheepshead are excellent cooked whole and produce incredibly succulent fillets!



***Author with a nice pair of Sheepshead caught on the Rodanthe Pier!***



***Succulent Sheepshead Fillet!***



For this recipe, carefully remove each fillet, and since we are utilizing the carcasses, fillet around the rib- and belly-meat, which are excellent for the stock.

If you choose to remove the skin from the fillets, put the skins in the stock pot, too! Likewise, when removing pin-bones and trimming-out the fillets, put all these byproducts straight into the stockpot.

Below are the three fresh-caught and well-iced Sheepshead used for this recipe.



***Cleaned, Scaled, & Ready to Fillet!***



***Fresh Sheepshead Fillets!***



***Sheepshead Carcasses for the Pot!***

Next, place the fish stock ingredients in the stock pot and add enough water to cover all ingredients. Simmer just below the boil on low-medium heat until the ingredients have cooked down; then, strain the stock and set aside to cool and settle.

Allow the fish to cool; then, carefully pick all meat from the bones and set aside (we will add it to the pot at the end).



***Sheepshead Carcasses in the pot!!***



***Gently Simmering Fish Stock Pot.***



***Strained Sheepshead to be picked!***

While the stock is simmering, chop the onions and celery as you melt the butter in a large stew pot. Sauté the celery and onions as you continue processing the fresh corn, tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, and peppers.



***Dicing Vegetables for the Stew.***



***Fresh-chopped Cherry Tomatoes.***



***Sautéing the Onion and Celery.***

Once the celery and onions cook down, add the fresh chopped tomatoes to the pot and continue sautéing on medium heat for 5-10 minutes, stirring to release the juices.

Add the spices and begin ladling the strained fish stock into the pot.

After bringing to a gentle boil, add the diced carrots and potatoes and cook for 7-10 minutes.

Add ketchup, shaved corn, and chopped peppers to the pot and cook for another 5-10 minutes.

Dissolve the corn starch in cold water, stirring with a fork or small whisk until the paste liquifies and all solids dissolve.

Gradually stir-in the corn starch solution to add texture to the stew and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Once the corn starch has been added, any oil from the butter should be absorbed into the stew. If oil still settles to the top, it's okay to add a little more cornstarch to get the desired texture.



***Adding the chopped tomatoes!***



***Strained Fish Stock for the Stew!***



***Stirring the Fish Stock into the Pot.***

Once the stew has thickened to the desired texture, stir-in the reserved Sheepshead meat, and simmer for an additional five minutes.

I had some extra meat on hand from leftover broiled Sheepshead, so I added that with the reserved meat from the carcasses.

Another alternative would have been to dice some of the fillets into ¼- or ½-inch chunks, which would be added just after stirring-in the corn starch mixture.

This would certainly make for a meatier stew, and the texture of the meat is such that it would retain its shape in the stew.

Either way, the finished product is sure to please, and it may be eaten by itself or with a classic grilled cheese sandwich for a heartier meal!

So, the next time you catch a mess of stocky Sheepshead, salvage those carcasses from the fillet table, and turn them into a delicious pot of Rodanthe-style fish stew!



***The Result: One Fine Pot of Sheepshead Stew!***

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





## 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**

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

**Click the link below.**

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# Salt Water Largest Fish (Release) 2020

| Species              | Angler        | Date   | Size  | 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  | 38.5" | CBBT            |        |
| Dolphin              |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Flounder             |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Golden Tilefish      |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Grey Trout           |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Houndfish            |               |        |       |                 |        |
| King Mackerel        |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Oyster Toad          |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Pinfish              |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Pompano              | Kelly Hoggard | 13-Jul | 16.5" | Sandbridge Surf |        |
| Puffer Fish (smooth) |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Puppy Drum           |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Red Hake             |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Red Drum             | Kelly Hoggard | 10-Sep | 44"   | South Beach NC  |        |
| Roundhead            | Kelly Hoggard | 30-Jun | 16.5" | Sandbridge Surf |        |
| Sea Bass             |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Sea Robin            |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Shark                |               |        |       |                 |        |
| Snowy Grouper        |               |        |       |                 |        |
| 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            |        |
| Warsaw Grouper       |               |        |       |                 |        |
| White Marlin         |               |        |       |                 |        |

# Salt Water Largest Fish (Catch) 2020

| Species              | Angler         | Date   | Size   | Where            | Weight     |
|----------------------|----------------|--------|--------|------------------|------------|
| Amberjack            |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Black Drum           |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Blackfin Tuna        |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Blackbelly Rosefish  | John Germanos  | 13-Aug |        | Norfolk Canyon   | 3 lb 9oz   |
| Blueline Tilefish    | Kelly Hoggard  | 25-Jun |        | Norfolk Canyon   | 13 lb 0 oz |
| Bluefish             |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Cobia                |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Dolphin              |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Flounder             | Lou Corigliano | 3-Sep  |        | CBBT             | 2 lb 7oz   |
| Golden Tilefish      | John Germanos  | 13-Aug |        | Norfolk Canyon   | 37 lb 1oz  |
| Grey Trout           |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Houndfish            |                |        |        |                  |            |
| King Mackerel        |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Oyster Toad          | Robert Oliver  | 22-Apr | 16.25" | CBBT             | 31 b 13oz  |
| Pinfish              |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Pompano              | Kelly Hoggard  | 13-Jul |        | Sandbridge Surf  | 2 lb 13oz  |
| Puffer Fish (smooth) |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Puppy Drum           |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Red Hake             | Patty Searby   | 13-Aug |        | Norfolk Canyon   | 3 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                |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Snowy Grouper        |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Southern Puffer Fish | Patty Searby   | 24-May | 9.5"   | Sandbridge       | 13oz       |
| Spanish Mackerel     | John Germanos  | 3-Jul  |        | Ramp 44 NC       | 5 lb 6 oz  |
| Spadefish            |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Speckled Trout       |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Spot                 |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Swallowtail Bass     |                |        |        |                  |            |
| Tautog               | Robert Oliver  | 28-Apr |        | CBBT             | 7 lb 2 oz  |
| Warsaw Grouper       | Kelly Hoggard  | 25-Jul |        | Norfolk Canyon   | 40 lb 0 oz |

# *Saltwater Fishing News*

Jerry Hughes (Doink) has been catching so many puppy drum there is a fear they may be nearly extinct in Lynnhaven. He either has a secret spot or is holding his mouth right but whatever the case, the man is constantly catching fish. Pictured below are a couple of pictures with brief descriptions of his catch that day.

**Left Lynnhaven  
Dock 6:45 am  
Limit by 8 AM**



**Lots of them!  
Caught 10 Tuesday  
Kept three  
Cut mullet  
Overcast and a little  
choppy  
High tide 1:30**



# *Saltwater Fishing News*

Got a couple of [Virginia Beach Anglers Club](#) members together on a beautiful, calm and hot Thursday. Today's targets were spanish, flounder and sheepshead.

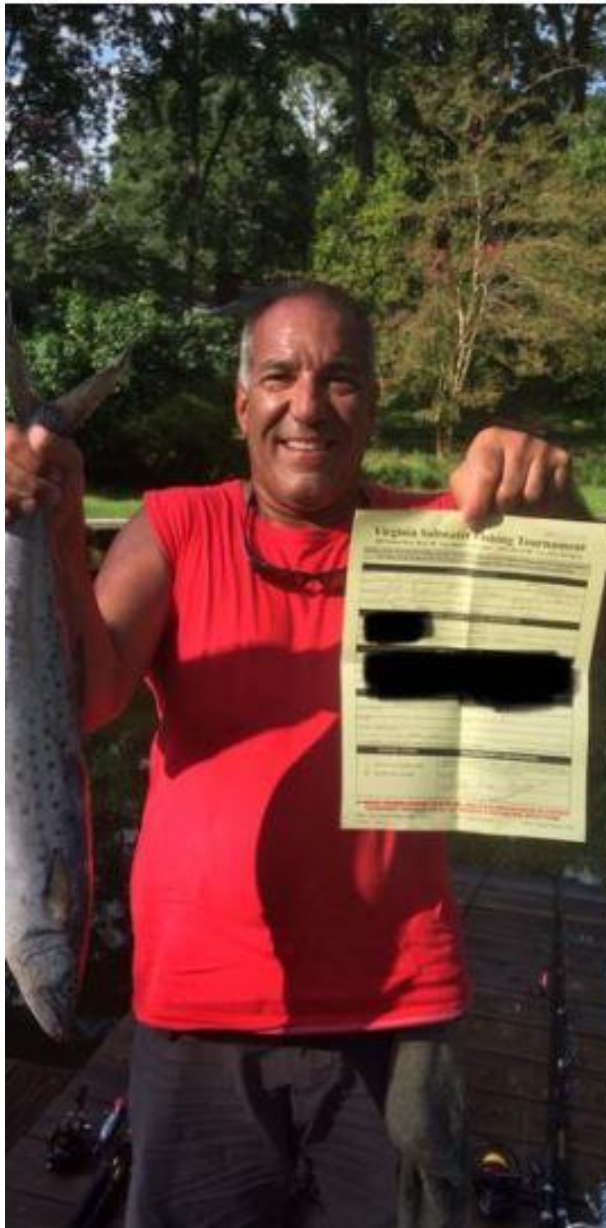
We started working on the Spanish bite. [Bowed Up Lures](#) Red Head and White trolling spoon got smoked by a citation spanish! 4lb 6 oz on the scale at long bay pointe. Caught plenty more over 20".

We ran to a flounder hole and went 2/6 keepers. Missed a few other bites today that could have filled out the box nicely.

Later, we stopped in a promising sheepshead spot. I had a pair of bites come tight and pulled both off. One was a nice drag puller for a few seconds.

Looking forward to another great fall of fishing.

Can't catch fish on the couch!





# *Saltwater Fishing News*

## **One Fish Two Fish**



## **HOW TIDES EFFECT FISHING for Redfish (red drum)**

### **Nujshi "Like Sushi with an N" Vang**



## **WHAT BAIT WORKS BEST? RED DRUM FISHING**



# ***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 |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------|------------|---------------------|--------|
| Black Crappie   | Melanie Bayford | 2-May  | 15"        | Beaverdam           |        |
| Blue Catfish    | Ike Eisenhower  | 31-Jan | 38"        | NW River            |        |
| Bluegill        | Melanie Bayford | 20-Mar | 9.5"       | Piankitank          |        |
| Bowfin          | Melanie Bayford | 7-Jan  | 23"        | Piankitank          |        |
| Carp            | Alan Hunter     | 17-Mar | 30"        | Piankitank          |        |
| Chain Pickerel  | Melanie Bayford | 2-May  | 24.25"     | Beaverdam           |        |
| Largemouth Bass | Ike Eisenhower  | 4-Mar  | 22<br>1/2" | Lake Smith          |        |
| Longnose Gar    | Alan Hunter     | 7-Jul  | 45"        | Cat Pt. Creek       |        |
| Northern Pike   | Melanie Bayford | 11-Apr | 23"        | Beaverdam           |        |
| N Snakehead     | Frank James     | 13-Jun | 30"        | Aquia Creek         |        |
| Sunfish         | Alan Hunter     | 3-Apr  | 9"         | Piankitank          |        |
| Warmouth (Bass) |                 |        |            |                     |        |
| White Perch     | Melanie Bayford | 16-May | 13"        | Beaverdam           |        |
| Yellow Perch    | Alan Hunter     | 7-May  | 12"        | Mt Landing<br>Creek |        |
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# *Freshwater Fishing News*

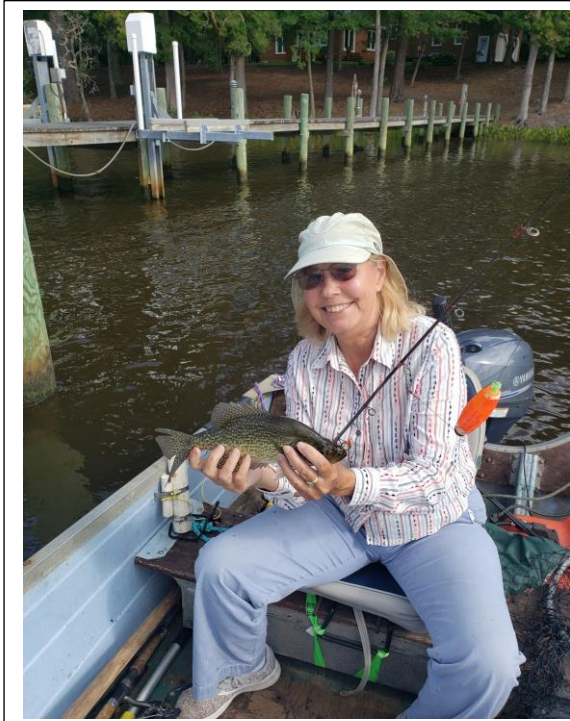
Submitted by Melanie Bayford:

Alan and I went to Cambridge, MD recently to catch snakeheads. Md is overrun with them. Hired a guide for two days to learn all that we could. Caught 14 between the two days. They blow up on the water when hooked and will get off or take you around a stump if possible. Very tasty fish. Reminds me of flounder. We stopped off to take a quick white perch trip with Alan's friend by the Bay Bridge and also brought home 50 white perch within 2 hours. Good trip!





# *Freshwater Fishing News*



Hi. Attached are photos of our very good fishing day on Sept 2. Also attached is another photo from Alan for the calendar. Wednesday fishing was HOT. Temperature and bites. Water temp on Piankatank was 83 degrees. Alan and I began at a dock I like for large crappie. Caught several fish from 10 to 13 inches. Moved to a grassy knee area that we have not fished before, and Alan pulled a yellow perch out of the grass as well as an 18" large mouth bass. I targeted the knees and got a 5lb 10oz bowfin. Very strong good fight. Stopped at a point near my dock and caught small puppy drum and small white perch. Also caught assorted sized catfish during the trip.

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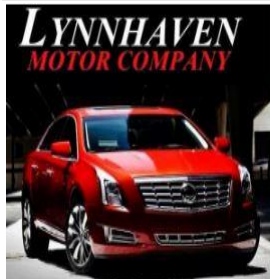
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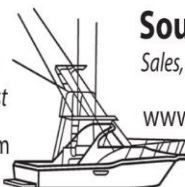
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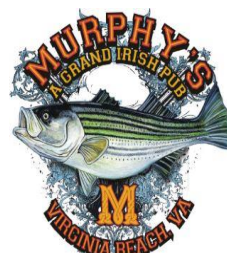


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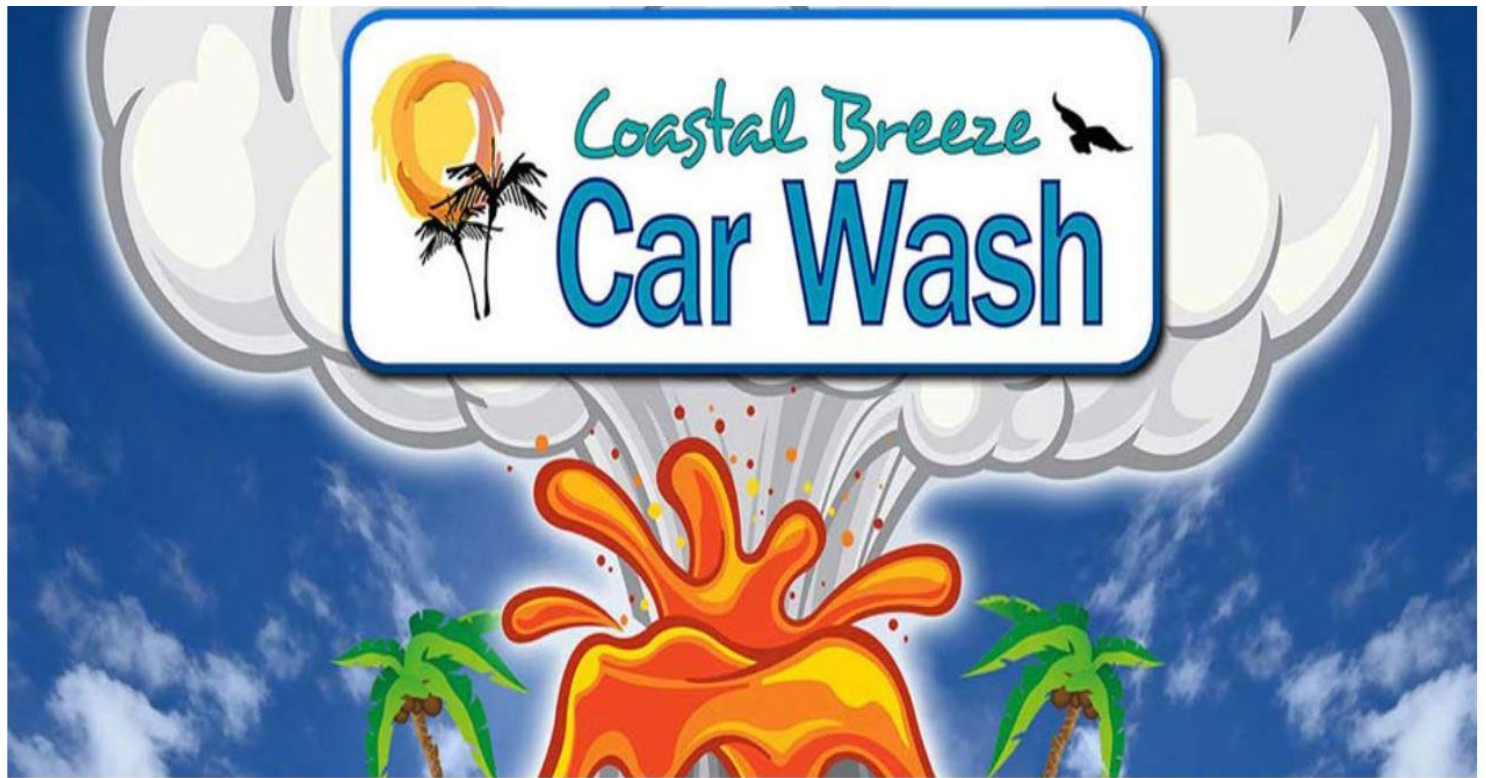
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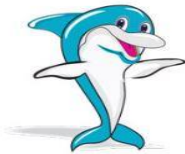


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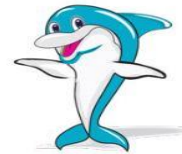
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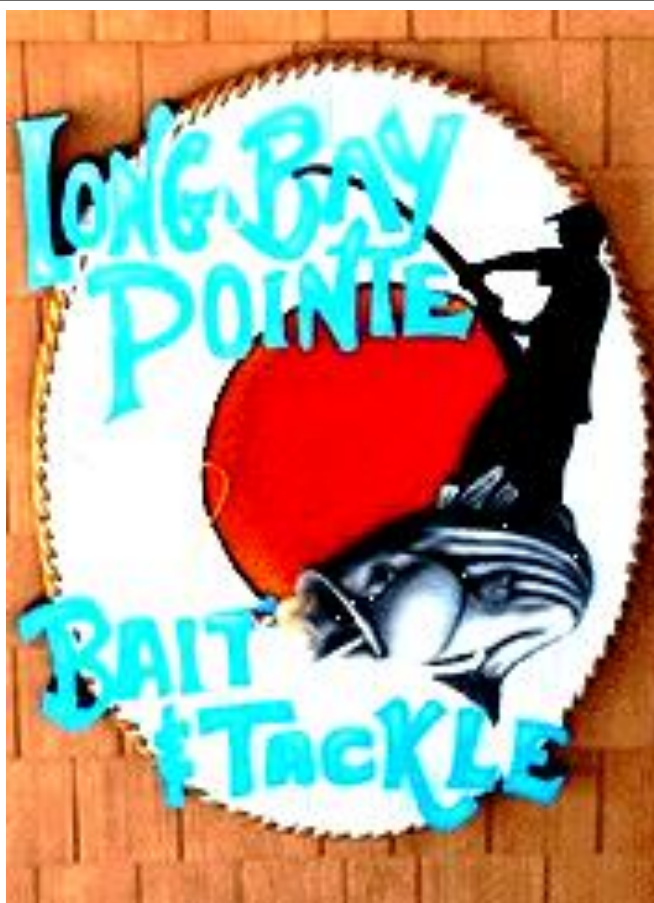


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- ❖ Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
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