

April 2021

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The President's Corner

Well Spring has sprung and in true Southeastern Virginia fashion one day is 75 and the next it is 45, but that can only mean one thing, it is fishing time. Time to make sure everything is prepped and ready to go. I would like to wish all of you who celebrate a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter. The Governor has loosened restrictions and looks like we will be able to start meeting in person and doing things together as a club. It's been a long time coming and I would like to thank you all for sticking with the club. For those who may have not paid your dues, make sure you get paid up so you can enjoy the fun. Looking forward to seeing you all. Wishing you all tight lines and following seas.

Chris Schneider

Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: April 1, 2021 07:00 PM

Where: **ZOOM**

Meeting Speaker: Guest Speaker

Meeting Subject: Crappie Fishing

This coming meeting is on Zoom. In preparation for the crappie fishing event at Lake Smith, a guest speaker will be talking about crappie fishing. Large mouth bass are also a target for those fishing on Saturday the 3rd at Lake Smith. C'mon out and try your luck, you'll probably see some people there you know. The fishermen are meeting at 7:00 AM at the lot and there are plenty of places to wet a line around the park. Boat (for those that bring one) and shore angling for all. Sandwiches available at noon along with final weigh-in. Confirming email to all on Wednesday.

Meeting Zoom link below.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83740583144?pwd=bG5zWXZIUUIyNVpadDRjL1hOUXg0dz09

This Month's Quote

If "Plan A" didn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters!

Stay Cool!

Author Unknown

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2021 Leaders

Species Current Leader Weight

Speckled Trout Jerry Hughes 2.30 lb.

Black Sea Bass No Entry

Roundhead Kelly Hoggard 11 oz.

Blue Catfish Jerry Hughes 17 lb.

Largemouth Bass No Entry

Roulette Submissions
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:

vbanglersclub@gmail.com

Kelly Hoggard: 757-416-8817 or

fishnkelly@msn.com

Catch-A-Ride

BOAT

Jeremy Maguire (757) 407-0493

Rich Maguire (757) 619-4851

Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282

Scott Nagen (571) 572-1023

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450 (FWtr)

CREW

Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

Victor Minak (703) 888-8992

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

2021 Calendar

JANUARY	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - CANCELLED
	21	BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY		GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - CANCELLED
		VBAC AWARDS BANQUET - POSTPONED
	18	BOARD MEETING
MARCH	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING <mark>– ZOOM FORMAT</mark>
		VBAC CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT - CANCELLED
	13	TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB BANQUET
	18	BOARD MEETING
	<mark>26-28</mark>	MID ATLANTIC BOAT SHOW – NOT PARTICIPATING
APRIL	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING <mark>– ZOOM FORMAT</mark>
	3-NEW	INTRACLUB CRAPPIE/BASS FISHING CONTEST – LAKE SMITH
	10-MOVED	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	15	BOARD MEETING
	<mark>17</mark>	ANNUAL FISH FRY - POSTPONED
		OCRACOKE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT - CNX
MAY	1-NEW	LEAD POURING PARTY
	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	15	HUNT FOR HARD HEADS CLUB CHALLENGE
	20	BOARD MEETING
	29	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – SANDBRIDGE
JUNE	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	5	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY DAY)
	12	CLUB SPONSORED CHARTER FISHING TRIP - POSTPONED
	12	GREAT BRIDGE FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION FLEA MARKET
	13	OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT
	17	BOARD MEETING
	19	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – OUTER BANKS
		SETON HOUSE YOUTH FISHING TRIP - POSTPONED

2021 Calendar continued

	EMAIL US	AT: <u>VBANGLERSCLUB@GMAIL.COM</u>
JULY	1 1 10 11 15 15	NPS KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT NPS KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC BOARD MEETING NPS KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
AUGUST	5 7 8 12 19 21	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT NPS KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC BOARD MEETING ANNUAL HEAD BOAT CLUB CHALLENGE
SEPTEMBER	2 10-11 11 11 12 16 18	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HATTERAS VILLAGE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – SANDBRIDGE CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT BOARD MEETING CBF LYNNHAVEN TOURNAMENT
	18 25 30-10/2	SETON HOUSE YOUTH FISHING TRIP - RESCHEDULED LONG BEACH ISLAND SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER	2 7 9 16 21 23	CLUB SPONSORED CHARTERED FISHING TRIP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING INTERCLUB SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT FALL OYSTER ROAST – BROCK CENTER BOARD MEETING KAYAK TOURNAMENT
NOVEMBER	4-6 4 18	CAPE HATTERAS ANGLER'S CLUB INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	2 16	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – CHRISTMAS PARTY & GENERAL ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING

VBAC 2021 Fishing Roulette Spin Results

At the March 18th board meeting, 27 participants were signed up for the 2021 Fishing Roulette. The VBAC Fishing Roulette is much like a calcutta (a side wager) paid by angler's club members to compete for a little cash. Five fish are selected by the spin of a wheel much like a roulette wheel. The heaviest fish of these five species will win \$108 each for 2021. It is only eligible for those who signed up prior to the spin of the wheel.



Rules: Any fish caught from 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2021 will qualify. Only the heaviest fish in each category will win. You are required to submit your fish weight via the clubs standard Prize Fish form. Prize Fish/Roulette entries can be submitted in hand or by mail to the Virginia Beach Anglers Club Prize Fish Committee. Don't forget to provide photos of your catches to the newsletter. A table of the current leaders will be kept up to date and posted in each newsletter. For any questions or concerns regarding the Roulette or Prize Fish contest, please see Kelly Hoggard at one of the meetings.

Mail to: Virginia Beach Anglers Club c/o Prize Fish Contest P.O. Box 8602

Virginia Beach, VA 23450

Email: VBAnglersclub@gmail.com or Fishnkelly@msn.com

Fish Caught Through Last Month

2021 Prize Fish Entries January - March

Freshwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location		
Blue Catfish	Jerry Hughes	3/19/2021	17 lb	Northwest River		
Yellow Perch	Jerry Hughes	3/19/2021	0.58 lb	Northwest River		

Freshwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Black Crappie (2)	Russell Willoughby	1/7/2021	12.25 in	Lake Smith
			11.75 in	
Black Crappie (4)	Russell Willoughby	1/11/2021	12 in	Lake Smith
			12 in	
			12.5 in	
			13 in	

Saltwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	3/14/2021	11 oz	Ramp 45
Speckled Trout	Jerry Hughes	3/25/2021	2.30 lb	Elizabeth River

Saltwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Shark, Scalloped	Kelly Hoggard	3/14/2021	98 in	Ramp 45
Hammerhead (3)			96 in	
			95 in	
Shark, Sand Tiger (3)	Kelly Hoggard	3/18/2021	92 in	Ramp 45
			83 in	
			101 in	

Updated 3/25/2021

Recipes Wanted

CHEF'S CORNER RECIPES

Our initial founder, John Germanos, chief contributor and mainstay for the last couple of years has informed us that he is taking a break for a while. We thank him very much for proposing this section of our web site and newsletter and all the detailed pictures and recipes he has submitted. Many hours have gone into the preparation of his recipes that we hope our readers have enjoyed them.

With the temporary absence of our "main man", we invite our members to submit their favorite recipes. We will publish your recipe and acknowledge you for your submission. Recipe types can be of any nationality and of any substances. As we have seen over the years, posted recipes have been from the field, stream and ocean. The range of submissions is endless. If you would like to submit, and be our guest chief, email your contribution to vbanglersclub@gmail.com and we will forward to the newsletter and email editors.

Looking for your submission,

Chris Schneider President VBAC

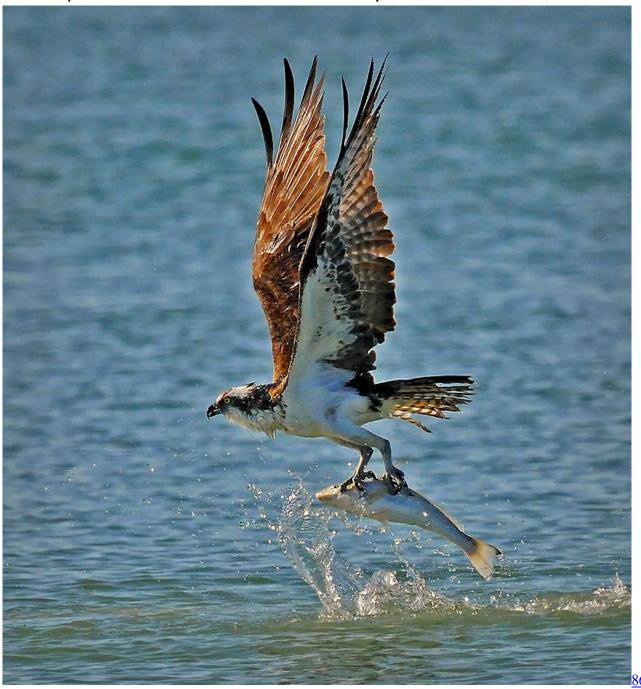
Fishing Opportunity



The following is a copy of an email sent earlier this month to all our members.

It has been so long since we have been able to do something together that we thought it might be a good idea to hold an informal intra-club fishing contest at Lake Smith for crappie and largemouth bass. Date is April 03, 2021 from 7AM -12 Noon if the weather is good. We will put out an email to the membership on Wednesday the 31st announcing whether it will be held. Fishing would be from the shore or boat. The prize would be bragging rights among the members and food will be available at the end of the event at noon. Check in will be at the dock 11:30 - 12 Noon using a hand-held battery-operated scale and the heaviest weight for each species will be declared the winner. If the group wants to have any other prize amongst them, they will need to decide among themselves. Any member or their family member who wants to fish is encouraged to participate and there are plenty of places to fish from in the park. If you are a roulette participant, this is a great opportunity to catch that bass!

The 2022 Virginia Beach Angler's Club calendar search for photos has begun. We are looking for scenic photos of the local area. As the fishing/boating season kicks off please enjoy your surroundings and take pictures of the historic, scenic, wildlife and beautiful area. After taking your pictures please forward to the club's email address, attention 2022 CALENDAR PHOTOS. In the fall a committee will review the photo file and select thirteen pictures for inclusion in the 2022 calendar. If possible, please take or crop your photo in landscape orientation. We look forward to your submissions.



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News Release

U.S. Coast Guard 5th District Mid-Atlantic

Contact: 5th District Public Affairs Office: (757) 398-6272 After Hours: (757) 295-8435 5th District online newsroom

Coast Guard Sector Virginia reminds boaters of cold water dangers

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Coast Guard Sector Virginia reminds recreational boaters and paddlers to be mindful of the inherent dangers of cold water temperatures as air temperatures rise in the region.

Despite air temperatures increasing to spring-like conditions through the weekend, the ocean, Chesapeake Bay, rivers, and surrounding lakes in the area remain significantly colder.

Cold water can be particularly dangerous this time of year because warmer air temperatures can encourage people to dress for warmer weather, without realizing the water temperature is drastically different. Even with forecasted highs this weekend in the low 70s in some parts of the region, the water temperature in the Chesapeake Bay near Cape Henry is only 42 degrees with other bodies of water displaying similar cold temperatures.

"Dressing for the water temperature, not the air temperature, and wearing a lifejacket are the best ways to increase your chance of survival should you fall in cold water," said Lt. Mitchell Latta, a Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator at Sector Virginia. "Not only do life jackets keep you afloat, they provide insulation and make you visible to responders. Therefore, having a life jacket on before entering the water is key."

Roughly 20% of people who fall into cold water die within the first minute due to shock. Even the strongest swimmers lose muscle control after 10 minutes of being exposed to cold water, making it nearly impossible to put on a life jacket and call for help.

Boaters and paddlers should also have a VHF-FM marine radio on hand to call for help during an emergency and bring along other safety equipment such as EPIRBS, first aid kits and dewatering equipment. A full list of safety gear visit https://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/

For more information on how to stay safe on the water, please visit The Coast Guard Auxiliary's boating safety website at http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=B-DEPT or contact your local Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit at https://www.cgaux.org/units.php.

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FISHING WEIGHTS & LEAD POURING PARTY



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Virginia Beach Anglers Club

VBAC has fishing weights in various sizes and shapes. These weights are from past lead pouring parties or donations from club members. If you are in need of lead weights, please contact Michael Anderson (757-481-1296) to make arrangements to retrieve what you actually need and can use. In addition, if you have weights that you will never use, your donations of these weights to the club cache for either distribution or remelting/pouring, would be appreciated. Please contact Michael Anderson to pick up your lead.

The VBAC is planning a lead pouring party for VBAC members on Saturday, May 1, 2021. The club has a considerable number of molds at your disposal. If you have other molds that could be used by the club, please let Michael Anderson know so that he can get the other parts necessary to make the weights. If you are interested in attending the lead pouring party, please contact Michael Anderson so we know how many to plan to be there.

Please review the list of available weights and molds. Contact Michael Anderson with any questions

Bob Stuhlman Corresponding Secretary VBAC

VBAC has fishing weights for its members! Call Michael Anderson 757 481 1296 and leave a message.

Ounces	Bank	Swivel Bell	Cannon Ball	Frog Tongue	4-sided Pyramid	3-sided Pyramid
1	X	X			X	
2	X				X	
3	X	X			X	X
4	X	X			X	X
5	X		X		X	X
6	X	X	X	X		X
8	X	X		X		
10	X	X				
12	X					
20	X	X				

⁻Please be courteous, only get what you can actually use.

VBAC has the following molds that you can use.

Company	Туре	Model
Do-It	1/8 to 1 1/2 oz Bank sinker 8 slots	BK-8-A
Hiltz	2 oz Bank sinker, 4 slots	LMBS-2-4
Hiltz	4 oz Bank sinker, 4 slots	LMBS-4-4
Do-It	6 & 8 oz Bank sinker	BK-2 -X
Do-It	5 & 6 oz River sinker	RS-2-56
Do-It	10 & 12 oz Swivel Bell sinker	BC-2-1012
Do-It	20 oz Swivel Bell sinker	BC-1-20
Do-It	1/4 to 3 oz Egg sinker	EG-9-A
Do-It	12 & 16 oz Cannon Ball sinker	CB-2-1216
Shawn Collins	1 to 16 oz Cannon Ball sinker	238-3183
Do-It	6 & 8 oz Inline sinker	IN-2-68B
Do-It	1/4 to 1 oz Popeye Jig	JIS-5-A
Do-It	3/8 to 1 oz Flat Head Jig	JFS-3-112
Do-It	1 & 1 1/2 oz Shad Jig	SH-9-4-115
Do-It	6 oz Shad Bait Lure	
Do-It	1 1/2 & 2 oz Casting Spoon	
Herter's	Jig head	403
Hiltz	3 oz MoJo Bullet Head Jig	LMBN-3

⁻If you have molds not being used, we would like to get them to use for all members.

⁻If you have weights that you don't use anymore, we can recycle them into new weights, bring them!



MARYLAND OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT – MARINE SURVEY 2021

Offshore Survey Activities

Attention Fishermen and Other Mariners:

US Wind Inc.'s (US Wind) Commercial Lease OCS-A 0490 (Lease Area) was issued by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in 2014. US Wind's Lease Area is located 12-26 statute miles east of Ocean City, Maryland in federal waters on the Atlantic outer continental shelf. The water depth in US Wind's Lease Area ranges from about 11 to 16 fathoms (10-20 meters).

Geophysical survey operations in the Lease Area and adjacent to the northeastern border will begin in April 2021 and continue through June 2021.

Mariners and fishermen are requested to use caution when transiting the Lease Area and to maintain safe navigational distance from the survey vessels. At times the vessels will be towing submerged survey equipment.

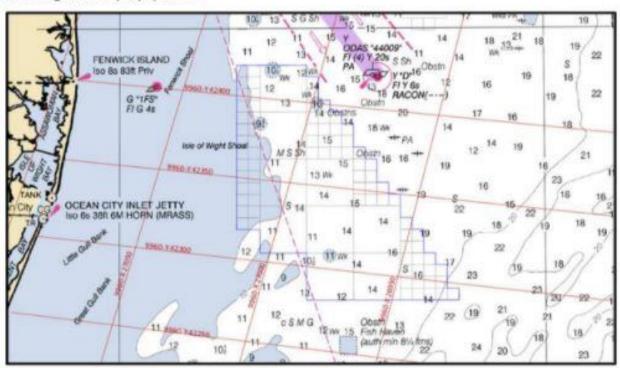


Chart depiction of US Wind Lease Area Off Maryland (not for navigation)

Approximate WG584 Coordinates (Lease Area OCS-A 0490)						
	Latitude N	Longitude W		Latitude N	Longitude W	
1	38 27.998	74 51.747	5	38 17.608	74 46.827	
2	38 27.990	74 46.795	6	38 17.614	74 50.120	
3	38 14.985	74 36.138	7	38 18.913	73 51.764	
4	38 15.013	74 46.835	T			

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MARYLAND OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT – MARINE SURVEY 2021

US Wind's Fisheries Liaison Officers will provide ongoing updates and maintain communications with commercial and recreational fishers and maritime operators. In addition to geophysical survey operations, oceanographic and biological research is planned that will incorporate acoustic and atmospheric data collection buoy deployments. The coordinates and other details of these buoys will be announced prior to deployment.

The geophysical survey operations will be conducted by the U.S. marine research vessels R/V Brooks McCall and the R/V Miss Emma McCall, operated by TDI Brooks, Inc.





R/V BROOKS MCCALL

R/V MISS EMMA MCCALL

- R/V Brooks McCall LOA 160'; Call Sign: WCZ7811; MMSI: 338257000
 https://www.tdi-bi.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Brooks-McCall-Vessel-Spec-Sheet-2018_090718.pdf
- R/V Emma McCall LOA 153'; Call Sign: WDG8742; MMSI: 338100000 https://www.tdi-bi.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Miss-Emma-McCall-Vessel-Specs Oct2020.pdf

For More Information:

US Wind Fisheries Liaison Officers (24-Hour Contact):

Wolfgang Rain - Sea Risk Solutions, LLC - <u>wrain@searisksolutions.com</u> - (206) 427-6553 Ron Larsen - Sea Risk Solutions, LLC - <u>ronlarsen@searisksolutions.com</u> - (570) 242-5023

BOEM Project Website: https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/maryland-activities

www.searisksolutions.com

Prize Fish Leaders for 2021

		Freshwater C	atch		
Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location	
Blue Catfish	Jerry Hughes	3/19/2021	17 lb	Northwest River	
		Freshwater Re	elease		
Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location	
Black Crappie	Russell Willoughby	1/11/2021	13 in	Lake Smith	
	Angles	Saltwater Ca		Location	
Species Roundhead	Angler Kelly Hoggard	Date 3/14/2021	Weight 11 oz	Ramp 45	
Speckled Trout	Jerry Hughes	3/14/2021	2.30 lb	Elizabeth River	
		Saltwater Rel	ease		
		Date	Length	Location	
Species	Angler		00:	Ramp 45	
Species Shark, Hammerhead	Angler Kelly Hoggard	3/14/2021	98 in		
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Shark, Hammerhead	Kelly Hoggard	3/18/2021	101 in	· ·	
Shark, Hammerhead Shark, Sand Tiger	Kelly Hoggard Kelly Hoggard	3/18/2021 Roulette Lea	101 in	Ramp 45	
Shark, Hammerhead Shark, Sand Tiger Species	Kelly Hoggard Kelly Hoggard Angler	3/18/2021 Roulette Lea Date	101 in ders Weight	Ramp 45 Location	
Shark, Hammerhead Shark, Sand Tiger Species Blue Catfish	Kelly Hoggard Kelly Hoggard	3/18/2021 Roulette Lea	ders Weight 17 lb	Ramp 45	
Shark, Hammerhead Shark, Sand Tiger Species Blue Catfish Largemouth Bass	Kelly Hoggard Kelly Hoggard Angler	3/18/2021 Roulette Lea Date	ders Weight 17 lb No Entry	Ramp 45 Location	
Shark, Hammerhead Shark, Sand Tiger Species Blue Catfish	Kelly Hoggard Kelly Hoggard Angler	3/18/2021 Roulette Lea Date	ders Weight 17 lb	Ramp 45 Location	

RECIPE CORNER

Submitted by Sue Smith

Recipe for fish cakes

- 1 lb cleaned fish, black removed, and cut into chunks. Specked trout works great!
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp butter, melted
- 1 heaping tbsp mayo
- 1 heaping tsp mustard
- 1/2 cup cracker meal or crushed saltines
- 1 tsp Old Bay and extra to sprinkle
- 2 tbsp milk or half and half

Put fish in enough water to boil and sprinkle with Old Bay. Bring to a boil and boil for 5 minutes. Pour into a strainer and flake. Let cool.

In a large bowl add egg, butter, mayo, mustard, 1 tsp of Old Bay and milk.

Mix well. Add flaked fish and mix. Add cracker meal and mix. Form into fish cakes. Sprinkle with Old Bay and refrigerate for at least 1/2 hour.

Grill on a flat top with a pat of butter on each patty until golden brown, flip and repeat. They can also be pan fried or baked.



By
Dave
Smith
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2020 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

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

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



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Exciting Fishing Opportunities in waters of Virginia

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



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Rudow's FishTalk Magazine is a monthly magazine focused on fishing the Chespeake 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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Saltwater Fishing News

Salt Water Largest Fish (Catch) 2021

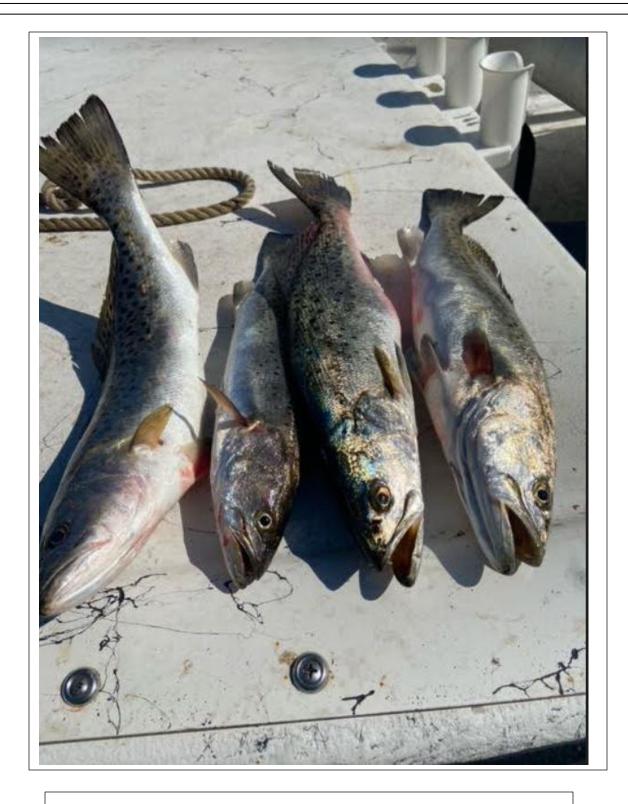
Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where	Weight
Amberjack					
Black Drum					
Blackfin Tuna					
Blackbelly Rosefish					
Blueline Tilefish					
Bluefish					
Cobia					
Dolphin					
Flounder					
Golden Tilefish					
Grey Trout					
King Mackerel					
Pompano					
Puffer Fish (smooth)					
Puppy Drum					
Red Hake					
Red Drum					
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	14-Mar		Ramp 45 NC	11 oz.
Sea Bass					
Sea Robin					
Shark					
Snowy Grouper					
Southern Puffer Fish					
Spanish Mackerel					
Spadefish					
Speckled Trout	Jerry Hughes	25-Mar		Elizabeth River	2lb 3oz
Spot					
Swallowtail Bass					
Tautog					
Warsaw Grouper					
White Marlin					

Saltwater Fishing News

Salt Water Largest Fish (Release) 2021

Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where	Weight
Amberjack					
Black Drum					
Blackfin Tuna					
Blackbelly Rosefish					
Blueline Tilefish					
Bluefish					
Cobia					
Dolphin					
Flounder					
Golden Tilefish					
Grey Trout					
King Mackerel					
Pompano					
Puffer Fish (smooth)					
Puppy Drum					
Red Hake					
Red Drum					
Roundhead					
Sea Bass					
Sea Robin					
Shark, Hammerhead	Kelly Hoggard	14-Mar	98"	Ramp 45 NC	
Shark, Sand Tiger	Kelly Hoggard	18-Mar	101"	Ramp 45 NC	
Snowy Grouper					
Southern Puffer Fish					
Spanish Mackerel					
Spadefish					
Speckled Trout					
Spot					
Swallowtail Bass					
Tautog					
Warsaw Grouper					
White Marlin					

Saltwater Fishing News



Jerry Hughes (aka - Doink) is always a man of few words. "Caught on 3/30/21"

Surf Fishing News

Surf Fishing Hatteras – March 3/14 and 3/18, 2021

I made a couple of day trips down to Cape Hatteras to surf fish during a fairly nice weather window in mid-March. I went on Sunday 3/14 and Thursday 3/18.

3/14: Sunday was a beautiful day with a light west wind. Water temps had soared during a recent south wind that pushed 65+ degree water along the southern beaches. I brought a full complement of rods including one of my new shark rods and 3 of my standard surf fishing rigs. I had not thrown the shark rod yet since purchase and needed to test it out. My shark rod is a 13 foot Rainshadow 1509 blank with a Penn Slammer III 10500 reel spooled with 700 yards of 65# braid. My other surf gear has been sitting since thanksgiving and was eager use it all.

I walked down to the beach to cast my shark rig and it was bit before getting the rod to the sand spike. The shark dropped the bait so I set it back down and worked on my camera for streaming. Less than a minute later, the rod bent over again. This time I was hooked up with a sizeable shark. Initially I put 14# of drag on the shark but lost more than three hundred yards of line. I was a little surprised by the amount of fight the shark provided. Most of the sharks I've encountered before are sand bars and black tips and neither fights very long on that heavy of a drag setting. I tightened down to 23# of drag and got the shark turned around. The fight officially began. I battled for about 15 minutes before beaching a personal best 98-inch Scalloped Hammerhead Shark! This shark represented my largest to date, the first hammerhead of any size I've caught and was caught on the first cast with my new shark rig! I had numerous more bites and runs throughout the day but only hooked and beached three of them. They measured 98 inches, 96 inches, and 95 inches. My attempts to catch some dinner failed miserably. The roundhead and puffer bite was very furious but most all were too small to get the bait and hook. I caught a handful in the 5 to 8 inch range and one solid 11.5 inch roundhead that was my only takeaway for dinner. It was an amazing day for only a three hour fishing session on the beach



Surf Fishing News

3/18: Thursday was a significantly different day. A north wind during the week had made the water dirty and was much cooler, around 60 degrees. The winds were light around sunrise but the forecast was for a heavy 20 kt south wind to start around 11 am. I set up around 7:15 in the morning right as I could see the sun rising through the clouds. This time around I brought one shark rod and two standard surf rigs. I managed to get all three rods in the water without a single bite. It was very considering to be fishing the exact same beach a few days later with almost nothing working the surf. I got some tugs on my smaller bottom rigs but the only fish I managed in this case was a couple sand perch. Around 10:30, a light shower came through and that wind turned to the south. The water immediately began to clear up and I started getting more action on the shark rig.

There were some very odd bites that acted much like a stingray. The bite would be very lazy and docile and would swim slowly away or down the beach. This is odd as most sharks tend to pick up the bait and run fast and furious. To counter the lack of aggression, I decided to free spool the bait to the fish to find out if I could hook it. I felt a couple of unnerving tugs and set the drag. This time, the line came tight and I was hooked up! The shark immediately jumps half way out of the water. I couldn't tell at first what kind of shark it was. I had the 23# drag set again expecting this shark to be much of the same but this lazy shark swam almost straight up to the beach. I played for a short time and got the shark up and immediately knew what it was. My first confirmed Sand Tiger Shark catch! It measured out at 92 inches. Sand Tiger Sharks also have a nickname of the ragged tooth shark. The teeth are lined all over the mouth in various directions. While other sharks primarily bite their prey and saw it into pieces, the Sand Tiger Shark will use its mouth and teeth to snag and swallow food.

Throughout the rest of the day, I had little luck except for the predators. I managed 2 other Sand Tigers that measured 83 inches and 101 inches. The 101 inch shark represents a new personal best! I also snuck in a decent southern ray, a skate, and one smaller Sand Bar Shark about 22-24 inches. I left the beach after the surf conditions deteriorated too much. I spent about 5 hours on the beach this day with little to bring home. I'm looking forward to the bite picking up as soon as the water warms again. This north east blow has pushed sub 50 degree water all the way past the point.



Surf Fishing News





Fresh Water Largest Fish (Release) 2021

Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where
_	Russell			
Black Crappie	Willoughby	1/11/21	13"	Lake Smith
Blue Catfish				
Bluegill				
Bowfin				
Carp				
Chain Pickerel				
Largemouth Bass				
Longnose Gar				
Northern Pike				
N Snakehead				
Sunfish				
Warmouth (Bass)				
White Perch				
Yellow Perch	Jerry Hughes	3/19/21	.58#	NW River

Fresh Water Largest Fish (Catch) 2021

Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where	Weight
Blue Catfish	Jerry Hughes	3/19		NW River	17#
Black Crappie					
Bluegill					
Bowfin					
Carp					
Chain Pickerel					
Largemouth Bass					
Longnose Gar					
Northern Pike					
N Snake Head					
Sunfish					
Warmouth (Bass)					
White Perch					
Yellow Perch	Jerry Hughes	3/19		NW River	.58#

Submitted by Melanie Bayford





Alan and I have done a little fishing lately. On Monday, 3-22, I got a release citation bowfin 30" and super chunky @ Harrison Lake near Richmond. When we tried to net the fish it went through the loops that hold the rubber net to the frame taking my line with it. I had to pass my rod through the net, but then the fish wrapped on the transducer and broke off. The same fish hit my bait again and we were able to properly net it the second time. On Thursday, 3-25, we went up the Piankatank River and I got a roulette entry Blue Catfish that is 8.9 lbs. Forgot to take a picture. Also caught a 34" long nose gar. Lost another much bigger one when it did a marlin leap 6ft from the boat and threw the hook.

Lake Cahoon 3/10/21

Russell and I headed to Lake Cahoon in Suffolk on a beautiful day, the first dry one in weeks. We started in the end of the lake where you have to get through a R/R tunnel where there was barely room for us to get through requiring us to lie in the floor of his john boat. We started trolling and I was lucky enough to hook and land a nice chain pickerel that was 21.5 inches and 1.9 lbs. Unfortunately that was the only fish we caught the whole day. But it was still a lovely day of fishing.

Lake Whitehurst 3/25/21

After a rough windy two weeks of colder weather we got a warm couple of days so we decided to look for crappie and bass in Lake Whitehurst. It was a windy day out of the South and warm so we found a cove with less wind. Right off the bat Russell had a nice flathead catfish on his floating jig. In no time I had my first fish of the day and it was a crappie monster-15.25 inches and weighing 1.6 lbs. So I released her in order to get the state release citation. Next it was Russell who got a really nice crappie at 13.25 inch. From that point of time we went back and forth catching one big one after another until we had 13 in the cooler all over a pound each. All the males were dark black and females were full of eggs. A true sign of spawning. Hopefully we will get back into them before they finish spawning.

Blessings, Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower



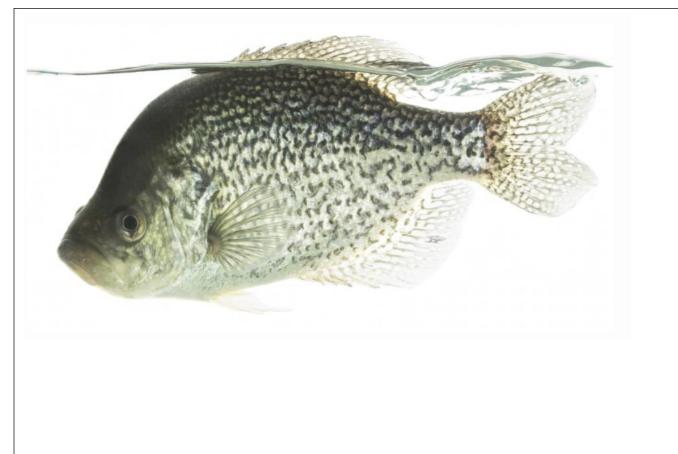






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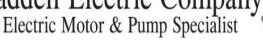
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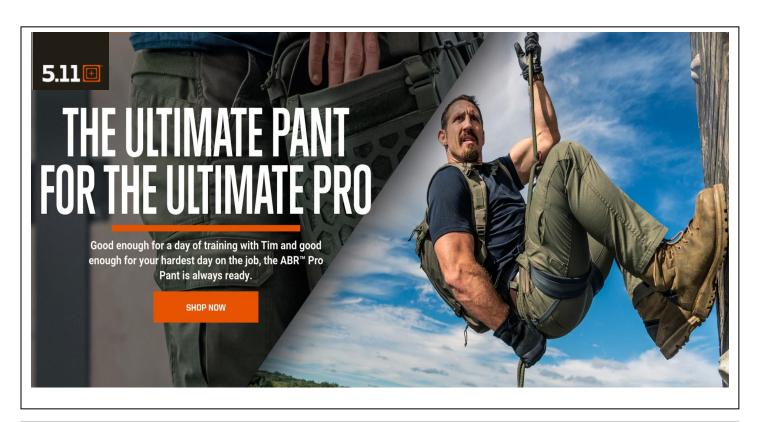
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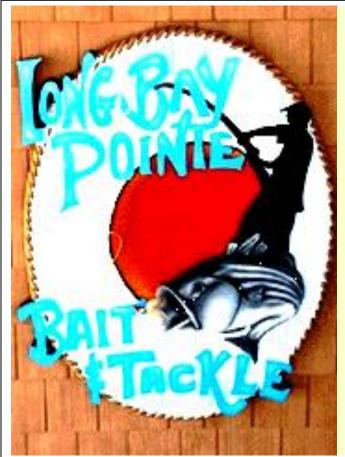
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