

February 2021



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# The President's Corner

Hello, I just wanted to introduce myself, for those of you who may not know me, I am Chris Schneider, your new VBAC President. I have lived and fished in the Virginia Beach area since 1982. I wanted to take a moment to thank my predecessor Bob Burstein for his hard work and efforts over the last two years. We as a board and club are trying everything possible to find creative ways to resume in-person meetings and activities. Unfortunately, at this moment our hands are legally bound by the number of people we can have gathered together. But, the moment we get the all clear we will aggressively resume our meetings and outings. These are new and different times, we recognize the Club is it's people and we can only be successful if you are involved. I am open to any and all suggestions that help promote the growth and success of our club. If you haven't paid your dues please do so, as we do have bills that have to be paid whether or not we are having meetings. I hope to meet each of you individually at our next available meeting, if I don't get to you, please stop by and say hello to me. Here's to a great and successful fishing year!

Chris

## **Upcoming Events**

**Monthly Meeting:** 

When: Cancelled

**Where:** Cancelled

**Meeting Speaker: N/A** 

**Meeting Subject:** N/A

The upcoming events for the year are

all posted below for your viewing.

Any changes will be posted in a timely manner.

The banquet is not cancelled, just postponed!

# This Month's Quote

"Life's tough, but it's tougher when you're stupid." - John Wayne

# **VBAC Fishing Roulette 2020 Winners**

<u>Species</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>	
Bowfin	Alan Hunter	9 lbs.	
Yellow Perch	Preston Mangum	1 lb. 8 oz.	
Flounder	Kelly Hoggard	9 lb. 5 oz.	
Tautog	Robert Oliver	7 lb. 2 oz.	
Spadefish	Patty Searby	1lb. 13 oz.	

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

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB 2021 PLANNING CALENDAR

JANUARY	7 21	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY	  18	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - CANCELLED VBAC AWARDS BANQUET - POSTPONED BOARD MEETING
MARCH	4 5 – 7  13 18	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MID ATLANTIC BOAT SHOW VBAC CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT - CANCELLED TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB BANQUET BOARD MEETING
APRIL	1 3 15 17 29 – 5/1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP BOARD MEETING ANNUAL FISH FRY OCRACOKE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
MAY	6 8 15 20 29	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP HUNT FOR HARD HEADS CLUB CHALLENGE BOARD MEETING VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – SANDBRIDGE
JUNE	3 5 12 12 13 17 19 26	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY DAY) CLUB SPONSORED CHARTER FISHING TRIP GREAT BRIDGE FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION FLEA MARKET OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT BOARD MEETING VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – OUTER BANKS SETON HOUSE YOUTH FISHING TRIP

# 2021 Calendar continued

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

# Roulette 2021

### **2021 VBAC Roulette**

Date: Thursday, March 4th, 2021

The roulette fish will be randomly selected at the **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021** membership meeting. In the event the meeting is cancelled, they will be randomly selected at the board meeting. You must declare your entry to the Prize Fish Committee **before** fish selection.

**Roulette Information:** To promote competitive fishing, the club devised a way to support fishing without providing an unfair advantage to any anglers. The solution involved a wheel that included a variety of freshwater and saltwater species in Virginia. The species are selected at random by spin of the roulette wheel. It costs \$20 for an angler to participate and each species winner receives an equal share of prize money.

**Roulette Rules:** Any fish caught from 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021 will qualify. Only the **heaviest** fish in each category will win. Must have contacted the Prize Fish Committee to enter before the wheel is spun. Payment is expected no later than the April  $1^{st}$ , 2020 meeting. You are required to submit your entry 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. 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 contact the Prize Fish Committee (Kelly Hoggard).

**VBAC Email:** vbanglersclub@gmail.com

VBAC Mailbox: Virginia Beach Anglers Club

% Prize Fish Contest

P. O. Box 8602

Virginia Beach, VA 23450

# Fish Caught This Past Month

This is a new page that will appear every month. It's a quick recap on all fish reported whether they are a club minimum or not. This is intended to give members some idea of where they might be able to get in some action of the piscatorial variety. Specific reports will be found in the appropriate section.

Unless you are a freshwater angler, it has been a cold, quiet month. Lake Smith has been another story for fresh water with Ike Eisenhower and Russell Willoughby having quite a bit of action.

Fish caught – Crappie (quite a few)

Largemouth bass

Chain Pickerel

All in Lakes Smith and Lawson (adjoins Lake Smith).

Nothing reported for saltwater.

# **Hooked on Ocean Acidification**

Dear members of the Mid-Atlantic recreational fishing community,

Are you curious about what *ocean acidification (OA)* is? Are you curious about what a more acidic ocean could mean for the fish you target? Would you like to learn how seagrass plantings can buffer changes in water chemistry and help with oyster reef restoration? Are you eager to try out a new app that provides short-term forecasts for pH and hypoxia in coastal waters?

If so, we'd like to invite you to join us for a new virtual educational mini-series, **Hooked on Ocean Acidification (OA)**. During four Thursday evening sessions, we'll provide you with the latest scientific research and mobile apps to understand how ocean acidification may affect your local fisheries and what can be done to reduce the impacts. You'll also have a chance to win a \$25 Bass Pro Shops Gift Card during our weekly raffle!

Hooked on Ocean Acidification is sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Acidification Network (MACAN) and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Association for Coastal Ocean Observing Systems (MARACOOS), in collaboration with our partners at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, and the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium.

Registration Information and Program Details:

**When:** Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 PM, February 18, February 25, March 4, and March 11. (You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.)

**Where:** Sessions will be held virtually, via ZOOM. Links for each session will be provided after you register.

**To register** for the Hooked on OA mini-series, please use this link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y5g8hsfb">https://tinyurl.com/y5g8hsfb</a> Please register by February 15, 2021.

Please see the attached flyer for more information about the **Hooked on Ocean Acidification** mini-series and our featured speakers. You are welcome to share this information with others who may be interested in this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Kirstin Wakefield at <a href="mailto:info@midacan.org">info@midacan.org</a>

We hope to 'see' you there!



# The Offshore Wind Project

Jack Ship (credit: Dominion)

#### by A Siegel

Offshore wind is a complex and enormous capital construction domain. Among other requirements, specific ships — jack ships that extends legs to the sea floor and jacks up above the sea for a stable construction platform — are required for the actual putting together of the massive wind turbines at sea. To date, there is no U.S. flagged jack ship that can support construction. The limited projects to date, such as <a href="Dominion's two-turbine project that begin operations earlier this year">Dominion's two-turbine project that begin operations earlier this year</a>, have used leased European ships. Due to U.S. law, specifically the Jones Act, using non-U.S.-constructed and crewed ships greatly complicates and constrains U.S. offshore wind construction. Dominion, with its accelerating path toward a massive 2.6-gigawatt wind farm off the Virginia coast, announced today that it is investing \$600 million to address this bottleneck.



Keel Laying (credit: Dominion)

In a press conference earlier today that featured Governor Ralph Northam, Senator Mark Warner, and Dominion's CEO Robert Blue, Dominion Energy announced the keel laying of the first Jones Act-compliant offshore wind turbine installation vessel. Being built by shipbuilding firm <a href="Keppel">Keppel</a> <a href="Keppel">AmFELS</a> shipbuilders in Brownsville, Texas, this ship <a href="Should enter service">should enter service</a> in 2023.

"Today marks a critical step forward in the development of the offshore wind industry in Virginia and across the East Coast." Senator Warner continued, "The construction of the first Jones Act compliant offshore wind turbine installation vessel serves as another vital link in the growing domestic manufacturing supply chain to support offshore wind energy development here in the U.S. This vessel will enable the timely construction of planned offshore wind development projects throughout the East Coast, including the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind commercial project."

The ship will be based in the Hampton Roads area, potentially with other to be constructed offshore wind support ships and vessels, and serve offshore wind projects along the Atlantic seaboard. Dominion Energy will own and operate the ship to lease it out for offshore wind projects — including to Dominion Energy Virginia.

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## **The Offshore Wind Project - Continued**

While serious issues and questions exist about how Virginia is moving forward on offshore wind (pricing, contracting, otherwise) and the overall Dominion Energy power portfolio (including continued efforts to build hard-or-impossible-to-justify gas power generation facilities), this announcement is another milestone event showing an ever-more-serious Dominion's attention to renewable energy as a path to boost its profitability.

Dominion Energy clearly sees the wide-ranging business opportunities that offshore wind represents and, with this announcement, is making serious moves not just towards construction of a Virginia offshore wind project, but towards grabbing a leading position in providing the services to build and maintain U.S. offshore wind projects. If based in the Hampton Roads area, this could well expand the economic and jobs creation benefits that Virginia and Virginians in the coming decade(s) of the just beginning offshore wind project boom.

"Offshore wind is bringing clean energy and new jobs to America, and Virginia is leading the way," said Governor Ralph Northam. "This new vessel will help propel the offshore wind supply chain, drive economic development in Hampton Roads, and grow the offshore wind workforce in our Commonwealth. We are thrilled to celebrate great news like this in what has been a challenging year."

- TAGS
- Daily Feature
- Dominion Energy
- Energy
- Offshore Wind

## **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!

# STRIPED BASS (ROCKFISH)



Why Are Rockfish Populations Struggling?

From VMRC, VA

### **January 12, 2021:**

Attention Virginia Black Sea Bass Anglers, the 2021 February recreational black sea bass fishing season will start February 1st and end on February 28th, 2021. We want to remind all anglers that a recreational black sea bass permit is available at <a href="https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/mpermits/index.php">https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/mpermits/index.php</a>. It is required for ONLY the captain or operator of the vessel and that it is their responsibility to report all black sea bass caught or released and all trips taken during the 2021 February recreational black sea bass season. Click on the notice link for more details on the 2021 black sea bass season. [https://mrc.virginia.gov/Notices/2021/2021-01-12-Black-Sea-Bass-February-season-notice.pdf]



### Mid-Atlantic Council Seeks Stakeholder Input on Summer Flounder Recreational Management

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is collecting public comments and suggestions regarding current and future management of the recreational summer flounder fishery. Input provided through the <a href="mailto:scoping">scoping</a> comment form will help inform the development of a management strategy evaluation (MSE) which will evaluate different management strategies designed to minimize discards in the recreational summer flounder fishery.

The Council is collecting this information as part of the continued progress and implementation of its Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) structured framework process (see: <a href="https://www.mafmc.org/eafm">https://www.mafmc.org/eafm</a> for more information).

The Council encourages all stakeholders who have interest, knowledge, or experience related to the recreational summer flounder fishery to provide comments. The form should take 10-15 minutes to complete, and your answers will be kept confidential. More information can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

Click on the link below to provide comments by Monday, January 25, 2021.

The scoping form is no longer accepting input.

#### Contact

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Brandon Muffley – <a href="mailto:bmuffley@mafmc.org">bmuffley@mafmc.org</a> or at (302) 526-5260.



# Click on Above Logo



### 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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# Salt Water Largest Fish (Release) 2020

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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					
Conger Eel	Robert Oliver	24-Sep		CBBT	2 lb 12 oz
Dolphin					
Flounder	Kelly Hoggard	29- Nov	30"	Triangle Wreck	9lb 5oz.
Golden Tilefish	John Germanos	13- Aug		Norfolk Canyon	37 lb 1 oz
Grey Trout		1145		Troffolk Canyon	37 10 1 02
Houndfish					
King Mackerel					
Oyster Toad	Robert Oliver	22-Apr	16.25"	СВВТ	3l b 13 oz
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Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	13-Jul		Sandbridge Surf	2 lb 13 oz
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Puppy Drum					
	Datter Caarles	13-			
Red Hake	Patty Searby	Aug		Norfolk Canyon	3 lb 5 oz
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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	Kelly Hoggard	25-Jul		Norfolk Canyon	40 lb
Southern Puffer Fish	Patty Searby	24- May	9.5"	Sandbridge	13 oz
Spanish Mackerel	John Germanos	3-Jul		Ramp 44 NC	5 lb 6 oz
Spadefish					
Speckled Trout	Dave Smith	19- Nov		Rudee Inlet	6# 4 oz
Spot					
Swallowtail Bass					
Tautog	Robert Oliver	28-Apr		CBBT	7 lb 2 oz

Fresh Water Largest Fish (Release) 2020

Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where
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	Alan Hunter	Nov 17	28"	Piankitank
Carp	Alan Hunter	17- Mar	30"	Piankitank
Chain Pickerel		24-	24.25"	Beaverdam
	Melanie Bayford	14-		
Largemouth Bass	Russel Willoughby	Aug	24"	Lake Prince
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	23-Sep	12.5"	Mt Landing Creek

Fresh Water Largest Fish (Catch) 2020

Species	Angler	Date	Size	Where	Weight
Blue Catfish					
Black Crappie	Russel Willoughby	10-Feb		Lake Smith	1.64lb
Bluegill					
Bowfin	Melanie Bayford	3-Sep		Piankatank	5lb 10 oz
Carp					
Chain Pickerel					
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	12-May		Lake Prince	1 lb 8oz





A Beautiful Crappie Day in the New Year:

Well, if this first day fishing in the New Year 2021 is any harbinger of the future I will love this year. Went fishing with Russell in Lake Smith/Larsen in my Basstracker V14 since Russell's John boat 9.9 was not working right. It was cold but not freezing with no wind and water temps at 48 degrees. At first stop I had a throwback crappie on before I could get all my lines out. We were fishing shiners under bobbers which is a great visual experience. This started a steady bite that maintained for the rest of the day with my biggest at 13.50 inches, then two 12.75 inch and two 12 inchers all released for club minimums. Meanwhile Russell was also steadily catching fish up to 11 inches that went into the cooler with all the other keeper sized crappie I was catching also going into the cooler. I had one bass also with Russell catching two bass. All were small but active. In total we think we caught over 25 crappie through the day. All in the same place. It doesn't get much better than this.

#### Another Lake Smith trip but much colder:

Russell and I went to Smith again but it was much colder 41-43 degrees with the lake temp at 44 degrees. We went to the same spot we caught so well at on Tuesday and the sun was out but wind was up to 12 mph so for the first half of the day we could not catch a single fish. But we watched a guy near us catch dozens, mostly small throwback crappie with an occasional keeper. He was using a jig and we were fishing with bobbers and shiners. We tried a couple of other spots to no avail since we really weren't seeing any bait like we did on Tuesday. So we went back to our good spot where we knew fish were and this time tried trolling our baits with my Minn Kota trolling motor and we started catching. Ended up with 8 fish but only two were keepers and Russell got a 12 inch release club minimum from them. Still better than staying at home on a cold day. Russell figures the fish were dormant on the bottom and only hitting baits jigged on the bottom whereas wen we came back the water was warmer and the slow troll presented the fish an meal they couldn't pass up. I did get two times a big fish, probably a bass that grabbed my bait and ran through our other lines and got off the hook.

Blessings, Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower

Crappie Fishing 1.11.21,

Russell and I went fishing on Lakes Smith and Larsen on the Monday after a cold wet weekend. While it was windy the temps were nudging 50 degrees so we could not resist an attempt no matter what it proved to be. Water temp was 46 by noon. We started just anchored in our favorite place on Lake Larsen and almost immediately I had a chain pickerel that went tearing all over the place of course tangling lines all up. Once in the boat it measured 19 inches, for a club minimum release. Soon after Russell and I both got a couple of bass that were small but feisty. I then began to catch one crappie after another starting with a 12 inch then a 13 inch which I released in order to make by 6 for expert. But Russell couldn't get to where the fish were biting so we repositioned the boat. In the process of attempting to pull up the front anchor the chain broke cause it was rusted. We couldn't find it so were repositioned then we both started pulling in one after another. Russell ended up with a 13 inch, 12.5 inch and two 12 inch release club minimums. I caught 6 more keeper sized fish up to 12 inch and Russell got 5 more we kept for eating. We must have thrown back another dozen undersized crappie. It was just one of those get catching days that just got better as the day got warmer. Now we both have crappie in the freezer too. We fished with shiners on Bobby Garland soft bodies on jigs. My tube with black head and chartreuse legs was hot. Russell's MoGlo Slab Slay'r green tube body and chartreuse sheath was hot for him. After awhile any color jig worked.

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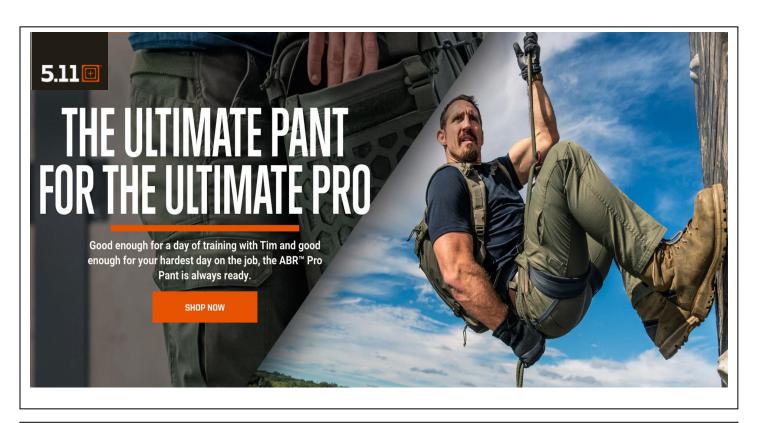
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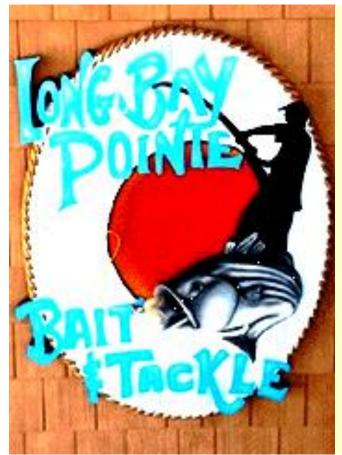
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