



January 2021

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## *Tight Line*

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## Upcoming Events

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**When: Cancelled**

**Where: Cancelled**

**Meeting Speaker: N/A**

**Meeting Subject: N/A**

**Please see calendar below.**

**The upcoming events for the year are**

**all posted for your viewing.**

**Any changes will be posted in a timely manner.**

## **This Month's Quote**

**"You never really learn much from hearing yourself speak." — George Clooney**

# 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:  
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## Catch-A-Ride

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### CREW

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email to  
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# 2021 Calendar

## VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB 2021 PLANNING CALENDAR

JANUARY	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	21	BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	13	VBAC AWARDS BANQUET
	18	BOARD MEETING
MARCH	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	5 – 7	MID ATLANTIC BOAT SHOW
	6	VBAC CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT
	13	GREAT BRIDGE FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION FLEA MARKET
	13	TIDEWATER ANGLERS CLUB BANQUET
	18	BOARD MEETING
APRIL	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	3	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	15	BOARD MEETING
	17	ANNUAL FISH FRY
	29 – 5/1	OCRACOCKE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
MAY	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
	13	OCEAN VIEW PIER FISHING TOURNAMENT
	17	BOARD MEETING
	19	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – OUTER BANKS
	26	SETON HOUSE YOUTH FISHING TRIP

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# 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
OCTOBER	30-10/2	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	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

## Virginia Beach Angler's Club

### Our Mission

The Purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

### Our Objectives

Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of VBAC members.

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

Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.

Conduct social activities that create a wholesome climate for deriving the maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, their families and guests.

We invite the beginner or the expert fisherman to join the Virginia Beach Angler's Club. Please allow us to share our fishing experiences with you. Please share yours with us. Originally founded in 1959, the club is dedicated to increasing knowledge and skill of fresh and saltwater fishing.

## Welcome to the Virginia Beach Angler's Club



P.O. Box 8602 Virginia Beach, VA 23450

[virginiabeachanglersclub.org](http://virginiabeachanglersclub.org)

E-mail @ [vbanglersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbanglersclub@gmail.com)

### Meeting Location

The Virginia Beach Angler's Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Foundry United Methodist Church located at 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, next to Beach Ford. Meetings with:

- Expert Guest Speakers
- Fellowship and Light Refreshments
- Prize Fish Competition
- Raffle

See VBAC's Monthly News Letter **TIGHT LINES** @ [virginiabeachanglersclub.org](http://virginiabeachanglersclub.org)

*VBAC is the proud sponsor for Adopt-A-Spot/Waterway for Crab Creek Boat ramp/Lynnhaven Beach area. Come join the fun.*

### 2021 Officers and Board Members

President	Chris Schneider	757-737-1115
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### Chairman and Board Members

Chairman – Bob Burstein

Pat Searby	George Gabriel	Preston Mangum
Gary Doerhoff	Ike Eisenhower	Gerry Mariano
Kelley Hoggard	Ronnie Nixon	David Anderson

### Membership Dues

Yearly membership dues are \$40. Bring to the meeting or mail to VBAC, P. O. Box 8602, Virginia Beach, VA 23450. We welcome you to visit our meetings and be part of our club.

Club T-shirts are available at all meetings.



### Yearly Events

**January**  
General Membership Meeting

**February**  
General Membership Meeting  
Annual Awards Banquet

**March**  
General Membership Meeting  
Mid Atlantic Boat Show  
Crappie Tournament

**April**  
General Membership Meeting  
Adopt a Waterway – Crab Creek Clean Up  
Annual Fish Fry  
Ocracoke Invitational Surf Tournament

**May**  
General Membership Meeting  
Hunt for Hardheads Club Tournament  
Adopt a Waterway – Crab Creek Clean Up  
VBAC Intracub Surf Tournament

**June**  
General Membership Meeting  
Adopt a Waterway – Crab Creek Clean Up  
VBAC Sponsored Charter Fishing Trip  
Ocean View Pier Tournament  
VBAC Intracub Surf Tournament  
Seton Youth Fishing Trip

**July**  
NPS Kids Surf Fishing Clinics (3)  
General Membership Meeting  
Ocean View Pier Fishing Tournament  
Adopt a Waterway – Crab Creek Clean Up

### Yearly Events

**August**  
General Membership Meeting  
Adopt-a Waterway – Crab Creek Clean Up  
Ocean View Pier Fishing Tournament  
NPS Kids Surf Fishing Clinics  
Head Boat Club Challenge

**September**  
General Membership Meeting  
Hatteras Village Invitational Surf Tournament  
VBAC Intracub Surf Tournament  
Adopt a Waterway – Crab Creek Clean Up  
Ocean View Pier Fishing Tournament  
CBF Lynnhaven Tournament  
Long Beach Island Surf Fishing Tournament  
Nags Head Surf Tournament

**October**  
VBAC Sponsored Fishing Trip  
General Membership Meeting  
Interclub Surf Fishing Tournament  
VBAC Fall Oyster Roast  
Kayak Tournament

**November**  
Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Tournament  
General Membership Meeting

**December**  
General Membership Meeting  
Christmas Party/Elections

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# 2021 Membership Dues

## VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is time to renew your VBAC 2021 membership. Membership dues remain at a low \$40 rate. Though we are not meeting on a regular basis we still need your financial support. Your dues cover multiple club operational and administrative costs such as insurance, web site upkeep, P. O. Box rental, postage, Club Calendar, membership outreach, state corporation fees, clean up and meeting refreshments, Seton Youth and Prize Fish Awards to name a few.

We realize the COVID-19 experience has put a halt to many meetings and activities that were scheduled in 2020. However, the 2021 calendar is loaded with all the activities that we missed last year plus more. When we can hold our normal first Thursday meeting, please see Mark Lozier or Bob Stuhlman to settle your account. Your other option, if meetings are not possible, is to mail in your dues to:

Virginia Beach Anglers Club  
P. O. Box 8602  
Virginia Beach, VA 23450

A copy of the 2021 VBAC Planning Calendar is posted on our website, [www.virginiabeachanglersclub.org](http://www.virginiabeachanglersclub.org) and posted in the monthly newsletter.

# Stuff-A-Boat Toy Drive



Sea Tow Hampton Roads

December 29, 2020 at 3:14 PM · 🌐

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We would like to Thank everyone who contributed to our [Marine Toys for Tots Foundation](#) fundraiser this year!

With the help of all we succeeded our goal by 36%.

Our goal was set for \$5000 and we collected \$6783.42. Great Job!

Due to your generosity you certainly put a smile on a Child's face in the Hampton Roads area on Christmas morning.

Hope you have a safe and Happy New Year and hopefully in 2021 we will be stuffing the boat full of toys again.



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## **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> <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> <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,  
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# Chef's Corner: Spiny Dogfish Belly Po' Boys

JANUARY 2021

*To heck with eating “High on the Hog,” this New Orleans classic will have you going “Low on the Dog” bite after bite!*

The classic Po' Boy sandwich is a traditional southern favorite made famous in New Orleans kitchens and is an amazing way to utilize just about any “scrap meat” from a variety of fish species, and it is especially good with any dogfish shark belly meat.

Traditional Po' Boys are filled with either roast beef or fried seafood (oysters, shrimp, lobster, or whatever you have) and topped with pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, and mayonnaise. Nowadays, however, you can fill a Po' Boy with just about anything you want (burger patties, hot sausage, French fries, alligator meat, caprese salad, etc.).

The sandwich itself has been present in New Orleans since the late 1800s. During that era, it was called an oyster loaf (literally, fried oysters on French loaves). The origins of when it started being called a “Po' Boy” are sketchy at best, and a lot of different legends have attached themselves to the sandwich over the years.

I developed my own theory based on some research and an understanding of what life was like in New Orleans during the early 1900s, and especially during the trying period from the onset of World War I and into the Great Depression.

Poverty was widespread during that period, and many of the “Po' Folk” struggled to afford life's basic necessities (food, shelter, and clothing). While restaurants flourished during this period, they were considered establishments for the “Haves” rather than the “Have Nots.”

Whether motivated by pragmatism or compassion, several eateries began allowing the poor to come to the back door for cheap scrap meals (often leftovers) as a way to utilize odds and ends that would otherwise have been discarded.

One such meal would be day-old French bread split open to serve as plate to hold scraps of seafood, meat, and “crispies” leftover from the frying process. Lettuce and other scrap toppings were often piled on, and for just a few pennies, the local Po' Boys would have their only meal for the day – hence the term “Po' Boy Sandwich” was born – or at least, that's MY story!



*Crispy-fried Dogfish Belly Po' Boy!*



*Author with a pair of March OBX Spinies!*

Variations of this New Orleans classic abound and often include shrimp, lobster, oysters, and other prime seafood ingredients, but I jokingly refer to these derivatives as “Rich Boy” sandwiches since few of us Po’ Folk can afford them!

So, for now, it’s time to “live low on the dog (dogfish, that is),” and fry-up those belly scraps for a true old fashioned Po’ Boy meal that is worth its weight in culinary gold!

## Ingredients

This is a basic list of ingredients, but the options are limitless, so experiment and tailor your sandwich build freely!

- ¼-pound dogfish belly meat
- Iceberg lettuce, shredded
- Tomato, sliced thin
- Dill pickle slices
- Sharp cheddar cheese
- Mayonnaise
- Egg wash
- Corn starch
- Flour or breading mix

Suitable breading mixtures include House Autry Seafood Breading Mix; House Autry Medium-Hot Breading Mix; and Zatarain’s cajun seafood breading mix. You can certainly create your own breading mix, and numerous beer batter recipes work great as well!

You can also substitute various condiments for the mayonnaise to include aioli blends, tartar sauce, and various special sauces and/or salad dressing mixtures.

Additional toppings include thinly sliced onion; hot and/or sweet pickled peppers; sweet breakfast pickles or relish; various lettuces; cilantro; various cheeses; and a variety of slaws and fresh relishes.

## Directions

Serve with a lemon wedge on a plate of hand-cut fried potatoes and your choice of condiments.

### ***Removing the Belly Meat:***

In the March 2020 Chef’s Corner installment, I did a feature on processing the underappreciated Spiny Dogfish, but other dogfish species such as the abundant Smooth Dogfish are certainly just as good, so feel free to adapt based on the catch of the day!

Next to the versatile meat of the various stingrays, Spiny Dogfish are a vastly underrated and overlooked meat fish and is widely regarded as a “trash fish,” or nuisance species by surf anglers up and down our coast.



***Dressed carcass with head and entrails removed and fins intact.***

This fish is versatile, mild, and delicious with a soft, delicate and moist texture that is very appealing to even the pickiest diners. In fact, across Europe, and especially in the United Kingdom, it is highly regarded as one of the top three fish in most authentic corner Fish-n-Chips eateries (aka “Chip Shops”).

They are relatively easy to process, and an added benefit is the complete lack of bones since the skeletal structure is built of an easy-to-remove cartilage center strip with absolutely no pin bones or bones of any kind to worry about.

Males grow to over three feet while females routinely top five feet in length. Larger Spinies can either be filleted after skinning or cut into tasty steaks for the grill, skillet, or broiler.

As with most game and fish, some of the tastiest meat can be found in the trimmings so often discarded – especially the buttery belly meat! My skinning method is by no means exclusive, but it works and it preserves the sweet belly meat.



***Remove tail & split skin.***



***Peel each side of the skin off.***



***Fins, tail, & skin removed.***



***Belly meat ready to slide off the skin.***



***Skins after belly meat is removed.***



***Skinned core & belly meat.***

A bonus of dogfish fillets is that there will never be any pin bones or bones of any nature for that matter, so they are ideal for kids and others that worry about fine bones when consuming most other fish! Also, the belly meat is well worth salvaging and makes incredible Po' Boy sandwiches when fried crispy – a Germanos Family favorite!

Once the meat has been skinned and cut into strips, it's time to break out the toppings and condiments!

Mayonnaise is the traditional choice, but tartar sauce, aioli, or any personal favorite can certainly be substituted or added!

If you want to go simple, traditional toppings include sliced tomato, shredded lettuce, and pickle, but the imagination is the limit for this hugely versatile sandwich.

I like to add sharp cheddar cheese and sliced or chopped peppers – from jalapenos and serranoes to Thai Chilis and habaneros – putting the hot crispy belly strips right onto the cheese to melt and bind all the goodies together on the bun!



***Prepping the Po' Boy build options.***



***Prepping the Hoagie/Sub Roll.***



***Building a bed for the hot strips!***

As you can see, for thick buns and hoagie rolls, I like to pinch some of the dough out to create a bed to hold all the goodies, and a slather of mayo to help 'em all stick! Once that tasty Po' Boy bed is built, it's time to fry-up some sizzlin'-hot, crispy belly strips!

Dust the belly strips in corn starch, then dip in egg wash and drench in batter as shown in the pictures below. This technique will yield crispy strips for that perfect texture atop that Po' Boy bun full of goodness! Use whatever breadng mix you like, but I used Zatarain's Cajun breader with a little added cayenne pepper for this New Orleans delight!

You can also use your favorite beer batter and/or "Chip-Shop Batter." That will crisp-up just fine as well and may just leave you some of those Po' Boy crispies to really lend an authentic touch!

Place the sizzling HOT crisped belly strips directly on the cheese to begin the melting process. The sooner you fold that Po' Boy, the better to get that cheese to melt just right!



*Sliced belly strips – low on the dog!*



*The breadng station.*



*Breaded belly strips for the fryer.*



*Deep-frying the belly strips.*



*Crispy-fried belly strips.*



*Folding it all into the Po' Boy!*

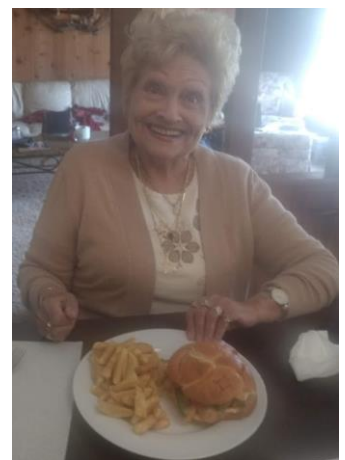
Serve with a lemon wedge and a nice pile of hand-cut fried potatoes and any other condiments you desire, but for me, that simple layer of mayo or homemade tartar sauce is just about perfect!



*Plating the Po' Boy on a fresh bun.*



*Carefully folding the sandwich.*



*Passing Mom's taste test!*

## Dispelling the Trash Fish Myth

Several years ago I was surf fishing near “The Point” in Buxton, NC. It was early April, and when I backed my truck up to my spot, one of the locals laughed and said, “All you’re gonna catch here is dogsharks today!” I could not hide my excitement, and this old salt looked at me like I had two heads when I exclaimed, “AWESOME!”

He then watched me catch and process a dozen of the larger Spiny and Smooth dogfishes and asked if I was actually gonna eat them nasty critters. I laughed and told him they were some of the best eating fish in the surf! He shook his head and walked away mumbling, and I walked away with a cooler-full of fantastic meat fish!

Many otherwise savvy anglers still consider dogfish sharks to be trash fish. This never ceases to amaze me. As a meat fish, they are plentiful at a time of year when many other fish are hard to come by. They are relatively easy to catch, and as for palatability, Spiny Dogfish are right up there with Puffers on my *personal* game fish list every winter and spring!

This recipe highlights one way to utilize the tasty trimmings, but this superb fish can be featured in so many more outstanding dishes that include some of the following meals which I have recently created using Spiny Dogfish as the featured ingredient:

- English Pub Dogfish Fish-n-Chips with Malt Vinegar and hand-cut homemade fries
- Dogfish Steak Osso Buco – made with thicker steaks and every bit as good as the Italian veal shank classic!
- Spanish Dogfish Stew with Picada and Veggies (can use steaked dogfish or fillets)
- Blackened Dogfish Bites (can also blacken whole fillets or steaks)
- Doggie Poppers –these fried delicacies are excellent served with a nice lime-garlic aioli, fresh lemon, Cajun shake, or homemade tartar sauce!
- Fried Dogfish Fingers with Honey Mustard, Buffalo Wing, and Barbecue Dipping Sauces, with Celery and Carrot Sticks and my homemade Chunky Bleu Cheese Dressing
- Dogfish Steaks in lemon sauce with sautéed fresh spinach over angel hair pasta
- Dogfish and Cheddar Sandwich with my homemade Tartar Sauce and hand-cut fries
- Dogfish Tacos

And that’s just the tip of the iceberg – there are sure to be more great dishes ahead!



*Spiny Dogfish-n-Chips – a UK Classic.*



*Spiny Dogfish Steak Osso Buco style!*



*Spanish Dogfish Stew.*

**Look for these recipes in current and future editions of VBAC’s Chef’s Corner! In the meantime, I hope you put these Po’ Boy sandwiches to the test – ENJOY!**

*Contributed by: VBAC Member John Germanos, aka “The Instinctive Chef” and inspired by my Hometown Chip Shop in Leigh-On-Sea, Essex, England.*

# 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, Sandbar	Kelly Hoggard	16-Oct	75"	Cape Hatteras Point	
Snowy Grouper					
Southern Puffer Fish					
Spanish Mackerel					
Spadefish					
Speckled Trout	Ike Eisenhower	17-Sep	23.5"	Little Creek	
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					
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					
Houndfish					
King Mackerel					
Oyster Toad	Robert Oliver	22-Apr	16.25"	CBBT	31 b 13 oz
Pinfish					
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	13-Jul		Sandbridge Surf	2 lb 13 oz
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	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					
Spot					
Swallowtail Bass					
Tautog	Robert Oliver	28-Apr		CBBT	7 lb 2 oz
Wormy Grouper					

# *Saltwater Fishing News*

Fishing the Elizabeth River (ER) with Russell 12.3.20:

Went out with Russell on his Carolina Skiff to the Elizabeth River after getting a good report from Jerry Hughes that he had caught a limit of trout trolling. Beautiful day with water temps in the upper 40's to lower 50's. Launched out of the Elizabeth River Park off Poindexter St. Great ramp. We trolled lead head with Gulps, 4 inch white with firetails. It took a while and several hits but the fish got off the hook but I caught the first one 20 inch. After exploring the Bryan's Cove we hit the Deep Creek where we ended up with a 17 inch and 16.5 trout on MR52's. Slow catching but a really nice day on the ER.

Fishing with John Kudzik at the ER 12.6.20:

Went out with John Kudzik and his friend Brian to the ER again in his 24 ft Tidewater. Again launched out of the ER Park. Very crowded, but it was Sunday so no surprise. Fished the St. Julian's flat off of the Bomb Dump and it was slow but we saw enough fish caught to keep us anticipating a knockdown. We hooked up 4 fish total right there. Tried further down the ER but no luck. Bumped into Will Branson and Louis Glaser on Will's skiff and he took this picture of us. That's John in the bow of the boat. All fish were 17-18 inches but fat. There was still some bait in the water. Water temp still upper 40's lower 50's. All caught on Berkley Gulp chartreuse curly tails on lead heads. I caught one and Brian caught the rest.

Fishing with Bob Stuhlman 12.10.20 Crystal Lake and Linkhorn:

Fished with Bob in his Grady White first in the Crystal Lake and later in the Linkhorn. We caught nothing despite water temps at 50 degrees. But handy any bait was found anywhere. Did see some throwback sized trout get caught. We trolled and casted with MirroLures and Gulp on leadheads.

Fishing with Bob 12.23.20 and Dave Steele at the ER.

Went out with Bob and Dave on a beautiful day to the ER right before Christmas. Low tide and incoming water all day. Trolled all over and just couldn't find a trout anywhere. Saw Russell and Jerry Hughes twice and heard they got eight trolling. We trolled and casted in the ER at drop-offs, in the Deep Creek and Bryans' Cove. Finally on the way back to towards the Gilmerton Bridge trolling X-Raps for stripers near the dredging tubes and old pilings across the river we hooked a 20.5 inch striper. Despite trolling that area good and getting two more knockdowns that one striper was the only catch. But beautiful no wind day. I hope you all had a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Fished again with Bob and Dave in ER 12.30.20 and this time Dave caught the striper 20.5 inches on a Saltwater X-rap

Blessings,  
Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower



# *Saltwater Fishing News*



**Douglas Wehner: Good Thanksgiving fishing for the Wehners. From left to right are Brian, Doug and Greg. We all got slot puppy drum and Greg and Doug got slot black drum. Brian got a big sand shark in the surf. Leader was up on the reel, but the line popped at the swivel. It was a good 6-7 footer. Lots of baby black drum and quite a few nice sea mullet, too. All this action was during Thanksgiving week on the beach between Avon and Hatteras Village.**

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## 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	Melanie Bayford	24-May	24.25"	Beaverdam
Largemouth Bass	Russel Willoughby	14-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

# ***Freshwater Fishing News***

## 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

# *Freshwater Fishing News*



**Went to Calao to Gardy's Mill Pond last Wednesday. Pond was iced over. Not too thick, so we launched my blue ice breaker to see if any fish would bite. Caught one chain pickerel each and I lost a nice one at the boat.**

**Also got a club min largemouth bass. Slow biting day. Stopped by another pond and Alan got some nice sunset photos. Melanie**

# *Freshwater Fishing News*



**Snakehead Pond at Sunset**

# *Freshwater Fishing News*

**Attached are photos of Alan's recent large fishes. (Bass may be a duplication of earlier submission). Alan and I have been fishing Beaverdam lately and doing better than average. So far this month he has caught a 2lb 6oz crappie and we have been catching bass and white perch. He caught a chunky 18 inch bass in the Piankatank also. Wind and temperatures have not been fun these past weeks. Took a trip to Mt. Landing in Tappahannock. Water was colder there. Fishing was slow. I had caught two yellow perch and he had caught one with 15 minutes left before we had to leave. I was joking with him that I might outfish him that day unless he pulled his usual trick of catching the biggest fish at the last minute. Sure enough, he pulled in a medium sized blue catfish. Tied for the day.**



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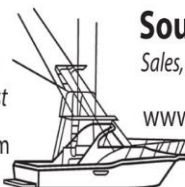
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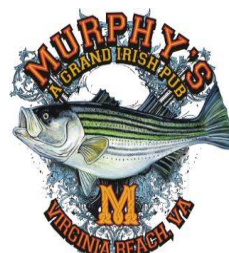


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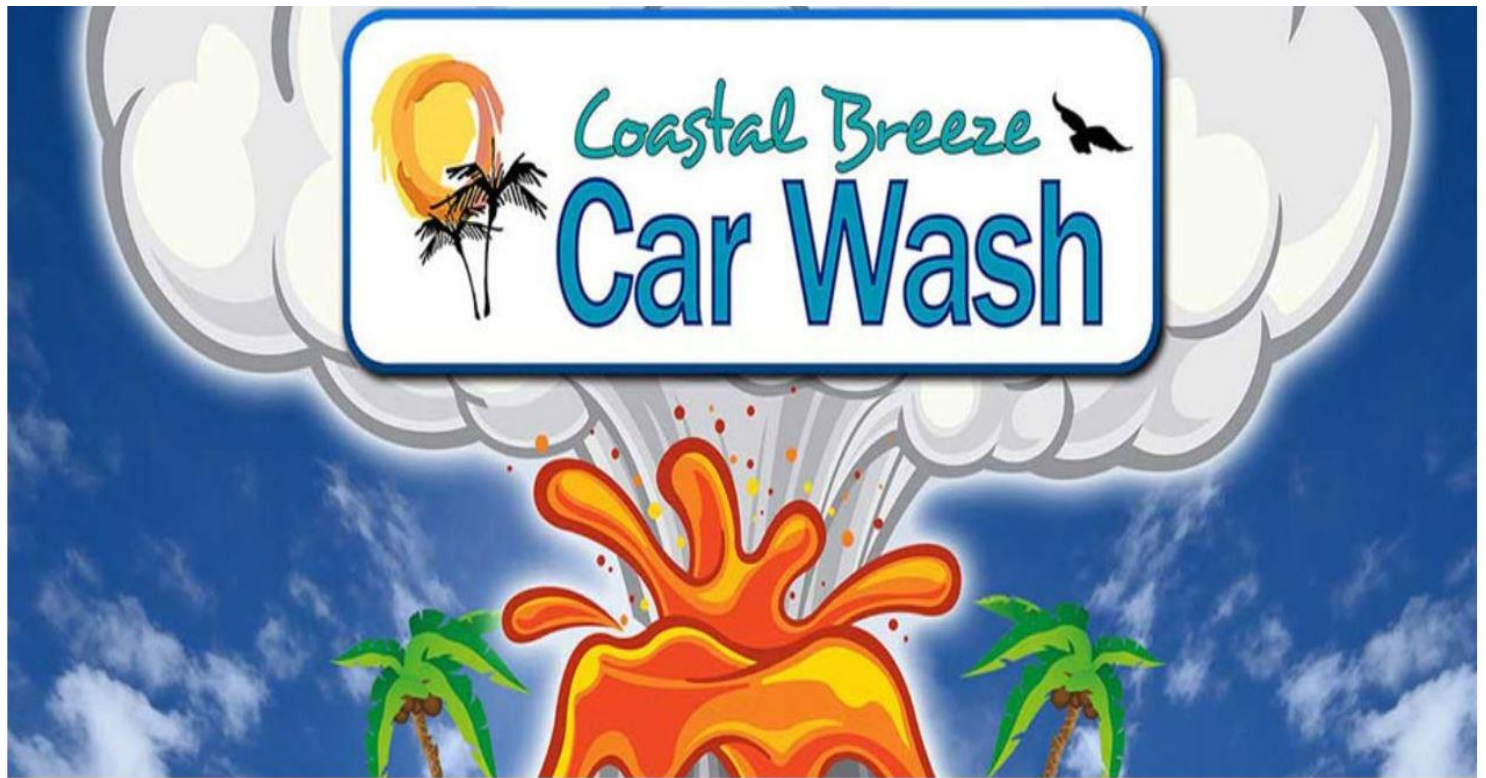


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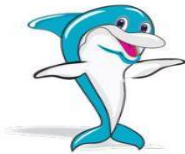
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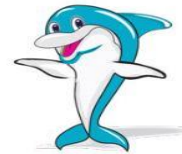
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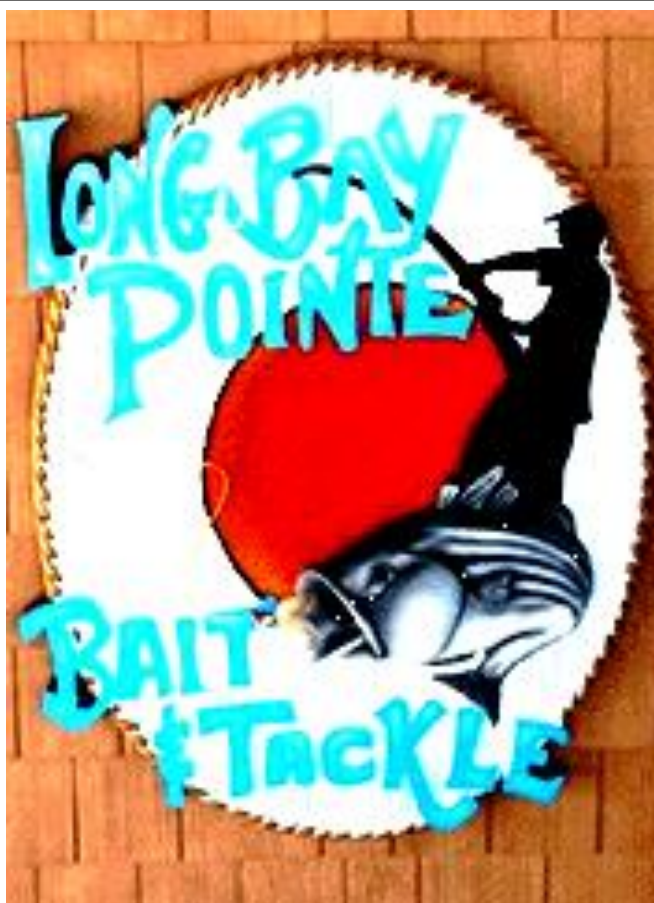
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