



April 2022

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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The President's Corner

Well Spring is here and fishing is starting to pick up, plenty of Puppy Drum, Tautog and other species to be caught. Fresh water is picking up also, I even caught a Bass and a Catfish. Surf fishing down in OBX is doing really well. So get up and get out there, plenty of fish to be caught. Wishing you fair winds, following seas and tight lines....Chris

Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday April 7, 2022 at 7:30 PM

**Where: Foundry United Methodist Church
2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Virginia Beach, VA 23452**

Speakers: Mark Lozier & George Gabriel.

Subject: Where to find fish in and around the bay. These experienced fishermen will be sharing their “secrets” for catching flounder and bluefish and where they might likely be found. Open to everyone! Bring a guest!

4/9 - Crab Creek Clean-Up. 10AM to 11AM. Volunteers needed. This is a qualifying activity for club participation. Please show up at the Crab Creek boat ramp parking lot Saturday at 10AM. Snacks will be served at event end.

**4/16 – Lead Pouring Party. 10AM to 1PM. Please come to Mike Anderson’s house at 4058 Shilling Point, VB 23455.
Open to all members. Mike says “BRING LEAD” if possible.**

4/23 – Fish Fry. 12 Noon until 4PM at the Brock Center. Fried fish and either hot dogs or hamburgers, soft drinks and water provided. Members are asked to bring a side dish or desert to share. 50/50 and Bloody Mary basket to be raffled. Volunteers contact Kelly Hoggard – 757-416-8817.

4/27 – 4/29 – Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament

4/30 – Ocean’s East Recruiting Table. Contact Bob Burstein to volunteer to help represent the club. 267-994-7423.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2022 Leaders

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Black Crappie	Russell Willoughby	1lb. 9 oz.
Large Mouth Bass	Russell Willoughby	3lb. 1oz.
Atlantic Spadefish		
Black Sea Bass		
Spot		

Roulette Submissions
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:
vbangersclub2@gmail.com
Ike Eisenhower –
email: Jeisenhower@cox.net
Cell: 757-373-6051

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
vbangersclub2@gmail.com*

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

2022 PLANNING CALENDAR

(1.01.22)

APRIL	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	16	LEAD POURING PARTY
	21	BOARD MEETING
	23	ANNUAL FISH FRY
	27-29	OCRACOCKE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	30	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
MAY	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	14	HUNT FOR HARD HEADS CLUB CHALLENGE
	19	BOARD MEETING
	21	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFIER – SANDBRIDGE
	28	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
JUNE	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	4	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY DAY)
	11	CLUB SPONSORED CHARTER FISHING TRIP
	16	BOARD MEETING
	23	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	25	SETON HOUSE YOUTH FISHING TRIP

VISIT US AT: VIRGINIABEACHANGLERSCLUB.ORG

EMAIL US AT: VBANGLERSCLUB2@GMAIL.COM

Dear members and friends, we wish to inform you of a change to our email address. the new email address is

VBANGLERSCLUB2@gmail.com

This is a slight change to the previous address- we added the number 2. Emails sent to the old address will be forwarded for the next several months to ensure you are able to reach us.

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

2022 PLANNING CALENDAR CONTINUED

JULY	2	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	7	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	16	VBAC INTRA CLUBSURF FISHING QUALIFER
	21	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	21	BOARD MEETING
	30	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
AUGUST	4	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	18	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	ANNUAL HEAD BOAT CLUB CHALLENGE
	27	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
SEPTEMBER	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8-10	HATTERAS VILLAGE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	10	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	15	BOARD MEETING
	16-17	CBF LYNNHAVEN TOURNAMENT
	17	STAN SUTLIFF MEMORIAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	24	LONG BEACH ISLAND SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER	1	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	1	CLUB SPONSORED CHARTERED FISHING TRIP
	5-7	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	15	FALL OYSTER ROAST
	20	BOARD MEETING
	22	KAYAK TOURNAMENT
	29	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
NOVEMBER	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	3-5	CAPE HATTERAS ANGLER'S CLUB INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	17	BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – CHRISTMAS PARTY & GENERAL ELECTIONS
	15	BOARD MEETING

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A Request for Past Information

A huge atta boy to Butch on being voted 2021 Member of The Year, well deserved sir!

And this brings to mind a thought that as a club we don't have or can't remember past winners. At a moment of boredom, I had a thought that this should attended to and, like many navy vets, forgot to not volunteer. So here it is folks:

If you can remember or have records or have your plaque to look at, I would appreciate a text or email with name and year(s) of winners. Any help will be good and when all is said and done some form of recognition with all listed will be made avail to all and for club history. I have 2020 back to 2014.

**Thanks,
Gary**

**Text – 757-404-4727
email gpdoerhoff48@hotmail.com**

Lake Smith Crappie Tournament

Our Lake Smith Crappie Tournament was held Saturday March 19, 2022. The day dawned sunny and downright windy with a wind that seemed to come from everywhere and, at times, was over 30 MPH . It made for challenging fishing at best and was officiated by our own Bob Burstein with the help of a number of our members; Jerry Hughes, Gary Doerhoff, Micki Walsh, Patty Searby, Ronnie Nixon, Butch & Kevin Eason. We had 17 adult and one youth anglers. We only had one shore angler, everyone else was in a boat.

Results:

Alan Wharton – First Place – Black Crappie 1.44 lb. \$150.00

Josh Morris – Second Place – Black Crappie 1.23 lb. \$75.00

Lou Corigliano – Honorable Mention – Black Crappie .92 lb.

Youth Division

Alex Ramos – Black Crappie .74 lb. Rod & Reel

Thank you to all those who participated and those that helped insure the success of our annual tournament. See y'all next year!

Pictures on following pages.

Lake Smith Crappie Tournament



First Place

Alan

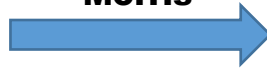
Wharton



Second Place

Josh

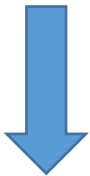
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Youth Angler

Winner

Alex Ramos

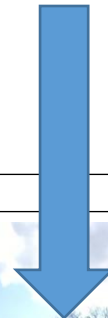


Honorable Mention

Lou Corigliano



Helpers



Lake Smith Crappie Tournament



Kelly from
shore



The GBFA Flea Market

The GBFA flea market seemed to be a resounding success with a number of our members coming in to help staff the tables. We sold most of what the members brought in. Our neighboring table was one paid for and staffed by Bob Burstein. He seemed to sell an awful lot of stuff and should have made a sizeable dent in his garage. I'm sure his wife is a little happier now!



Our March Meeting



The wheel was spun by our much-lauded spin master Dr. Ike. The selected roulette fish are as follows;

Black Crappie

Large Mouth Bass

Spot

Atlantic Spadefish

Black Sea Bass



**The Dr. Wright
Conservation**

**Award
was given to**

**Steve
Bowman**

2021 Outstanding Awards

Outstanding Awards

Most Outstanding Saltwater Catch

David Smith

Most Outstanding Freshwater Catch

Alan Hunter

VBAC Sand Witches Memorial Award

Caroline Robinson

Youth Angler of the Year

Alex Ramos

Female Saltwater Angler of the Year

Patty Searby

Male Saltwater Angler of the Year

Kelly Hoggard

Release Saltwater Angler of the Year

Kelly Hoggard

Female Freshwater Angler of the Year

Melanie Bayford

Male Freshwater Angler of the Year

Allen Hunter

Release Freshwater Angler of the Year

Melanie Bayford

2021 Outstanding Awards

Jay Smith Memorial Surf Fishing Award

Kelly Hoggard

Male Surf Angler of the Year

Kelly Hoggard

Gene Farrar Memorial Surf Fishing Award

Patty Searby

Female Surf Angler of the Year

Patty Searby

Dr. Wright Conservation Award

Steve Bowman

Rockfish: Where We Stand



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Rockfish: Where We Stand

Striped bass, also known as “rockfish” or “stripers,” are one of the Chesapeake Bay’s most iconic fish. But as CBF’s 2020 *State of the Bay* report highlighted, over the past 10 years the rockfish population has plummeted well below healthy levels. Join us for an in-person event to learn more about this iconic species and how you can help with restoring its population.

WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 6

6:30–8:00 p.m.

Brock Environmental Center
3663 Marlin Bay Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

REGISTER NOW

In an effort to reverse this decline, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) is in the midst of a multi-year process to rebuild the population. This is an important step in revising the long-term plan for the management of this important fish. [Join us in learning more about how we can urge ASMFC to ensure a robust fishery management plan for rockfish.](#)

Can't make it to the event? You can still speak up for rockfish by contacting ASMFC [through our action alert](#).

The Hunt for Hardheads

Looking for VBAC ANGLERS!!!

Hunt for Hardheads has returned!!!

We have an updated format- wherein boats can depart from any port they choose and fish wherever they choose. So fishing inside Lynnhaven works.

Fish must be weighed in at the tournament HQ- Willoughby Harbor Marina.

Each club is limited to 20 anglers- but there is no boat limit (Kayakers a plus in this format)

This should be a fun event- we are looking for participants to represent our club. May is the perfect time to dust off your gear. **Interested anglers and captains contact George Gabriel" and also a note that the club pays the entry fee!**

**"Hunt for the
Hardheads"
Challenge**



**Sign Up
at the
April
Meeting!!**

**"Hunt for the Hardheads"
Saturday May 14, 2022**

Norfolk Anglers Club, Virginia Beach Anglers Club,
Tidewater Anglers Club, and Great Bridge Fishing Association

A Croaker, Bluefish, and Flounder
fishing challenge among angler clubs.

Date: Saturday May 14, 2022

Location: Willoughby Harbor Marina, Lines In: 7:00am

Measure In: Starts at 12:30pm ends at 1:30pm

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per Angler. (Includes Fishing,
Picnic, and Charitable Donation)

Picnic Only \$5.00

Rules:

1. Clubs are limited to 20 angler entries. No restriction on number of boats or anglers on a boat. All anglers must be members of your club.
2. Boats depart from any Virginia Port - No fishing boundaries.
3. Measurement is length only. Girth measurement determines a tie.
4. Five Points awarded for longest fish, Four Points for second longest, etc. Up to five fish entries for each species. The Club with the most points wins!

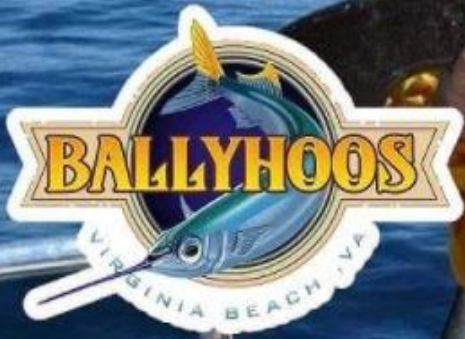
Mark Wray

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John Motley 757-404-9142

Prize Fish Leaders

2022 Prize Fish Leaders for March

Freshwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location

Freshwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Bluegill	Alan Hunter	1/15/22	9.75 in	Beaverdam
Shellcracker	Alan Hunter	1/6/22	9 in	Beaverdam
Black Crappie	Russell Willoughby	2/3/22	14.5 in	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel	Russell Willoughby	2/21/22	21.75 in	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby	3/19/22	18.25 in	Lake Smith

Saltwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout	George Gabriel	2/2/22	6 lb. 8 oz.	Lynnhaven

Saltwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Speckled Trout (4)	Ike Eisenhower	1/13/22	21.75 in	Elizabeth River
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	1/1/22	12.5 in	Ramp 38, NC
Sharks (8)	Kelly Hoggard	1/1/22	109 in	Ramp 38, NC

ROULETTE FISH

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Black Crappie	Russell Willoughby	3/5/22	1 lb 9 oz	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby	3/18/22	3 lb 1 oz	Lake Smith
Atlantic Spadefish				
Black Sea Bass				
Spot				

Salt Water News



Puppy Drum Fishing in Pretty Lake 3/4/22:

Louis Glaser got a report from Bert Sainz that he had caught over 25 puppies in Rudee Inlet in shallow water on Wednesday so he and Bert wondered if we might find them in Pretty Lake on Thursday. So I got invited to go. This was the time on Louis' boat in months and we had water temp at 50 degrees. We launched at 9:30 AM right at high tide from Morning Star Marina and headed right for the shallows of Pretty Lake. Bret nailed the first one and in no time we had caught 6 the biggest, being 24 inch all within an hour then no more bites. We were using hammered spoons and paddle tail grubs and Procure shrimp attractant on them. Released all but 3 reds.

Another Puppy Day 3/5/22

We did so well the day before that we just had to try again. Launched same time but the high time had not peeked. This time on my second cast with a gold spoon I hooked a 31 inch red. Even with my drag set tight he really pulled line and took several minutes to fight to the net. That was my personal best puppy. Released of course. We ended up with 3 puppies and one 17.5 inch speckled trout. Wind was really high that day out of the SE. We had a lot of kayakers as company that day and saw them catch a few likewise.

Blessings,
Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower
jeisenhower2@cox.net
Mobile: 757-373-6051

Salt Water News



Pretty Lake again 3/16/22:

Fished with Louis and Mike the Greek again in the same places. This time we had a little bit more water for the high tide and outgoing. 5 fish were caught: I released one 20 inch speck for club minimum, all others kept for dinner.

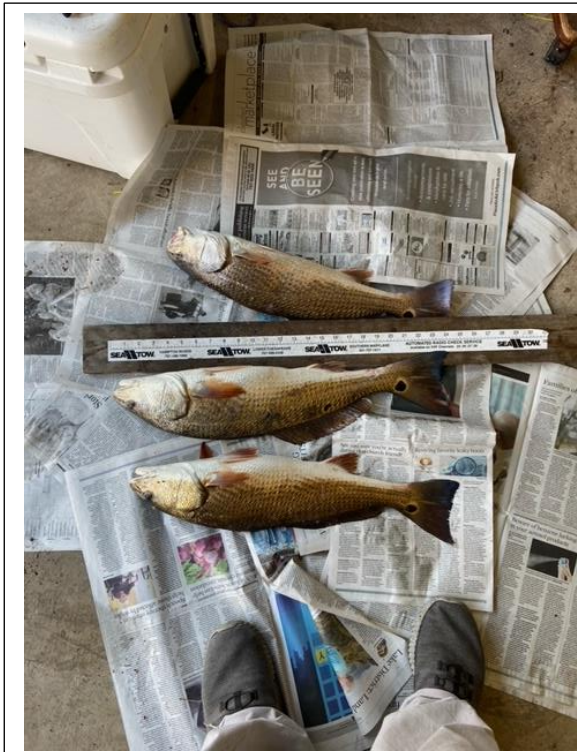
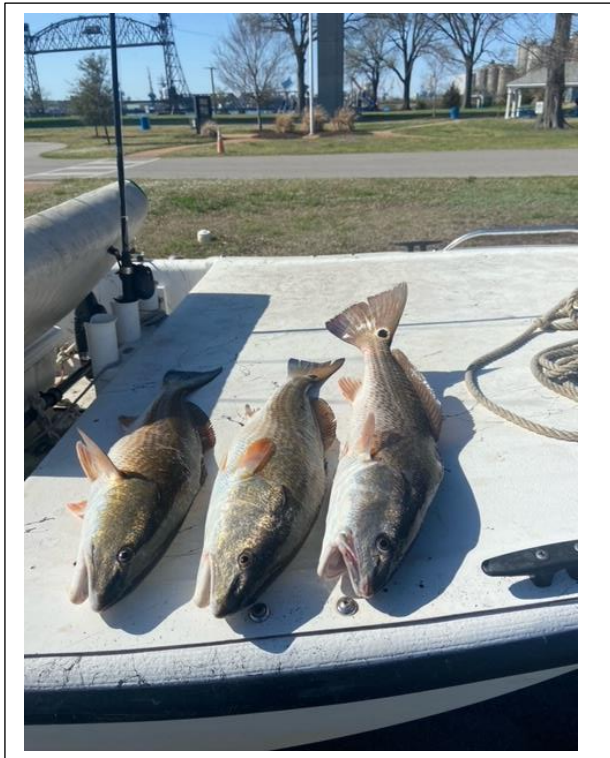
Pretty Lake in the fog 3/17/22::

Fished this morning in the fog with Louis targeting Reds in Pretty Lake. Fog was super thick along East Ocean View Ave and the water that really didn't let up until 2pm. Ended up catching 5 reds using 4 " paddle tails. Then we worked down to the spec hole and had 6 specks up to 20". They also preferred rubber baits. Water temp 61 depth 5 ft

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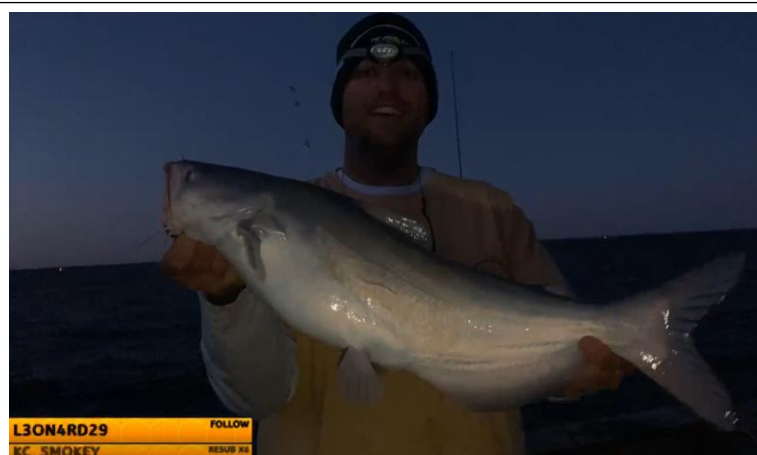
Salt Water News

**Jerry Hughes, a man of few words
and great skill sent these pics.**



**Caught 5.
Two were
over 30".**

Salt Water News



Went catfishing a handful of times in March. I was able to take a couple of friends fishing including Bob on a trip we schedule a month in advance. It turned out to be a great day with plenty of catfish available. The bite has been consistent in both Virginia and North Carolina. I've seen numerous reports of people going catfishing lately and catching plenty of fish. My best bite this month has been between first light and an hour after sunrise. The rest of the day has been inconsistent but the bite is still okay.

I've caught less catfish on my outings this month and notice that many of the catfish have full stomachs with food. The curious thing is checking the different types of food in the catfish. Contents include clams, crabs, fish, peanuts, muscles, and a couple of fish with an unknown type of protein. My chicken recipe has still been working exceptionally well.

My only issues through the entire winter has been choosing the right hook. There have been a variety of hook choices and I've had numerous issues finding consistent hook sets except with one of my styles is 3/0 hooks. If being honest, I think it's just the luck of the bite. Shore fishing at its core is inconsistent at best, especially when you only have limited locations to go and fish.

Kelly

Salt Water News

Kelly's Cats Continued



Surf Fishing News

I've been out surf fishing a couple of times in March. Most of these days I've been catfishing in the morning in North Carolina and would go surf fishing in the afternoon. Due to the water temps and weather, I've been unable to do much else except shark fishing. Winds have been strong on a daily basis, especially in hatteras.

Lately, the small bluefish and Roundhead have been hitting the beaches hard. There have been schools of puppy drum along the beaches when conditions are right. Water temps will be in the mid 60s on a south wind, and can push in the mid 50s on a north wind. Most fish will prefer water above 60 degrees, but the puppy drum are pushing north through the cold water to get to all the fresh hatched bait in the Chesapeake bay.

Shark fishing has been extremely consistent. Everyday is a sandbar shark day in hatteras. I got to fish with a few guys at the point this month that target sharks frequently. They have been getting a lot of scalloped hammers, but I haven't been lucky yet this year like last years hammerheads. I did finally get a couple of large sand bar sharks. I got two over 80" with one at 87". I also got another sand tiger. My first since the New Year's Day bite I was lucky to get into. The bluefish and Roundhead will continue to get bigger as the water warms. Especially when the sand fleas get very active. The drum bite will really fire off as water temps hit the high 60s. They will push north to the Chesapeake bay where they can hopefully find some schools of menhaden. Ideally, that is what they chase as they swim around the southern beaches.

If you're interested in surf fishing in Virginia only. I would expect a lot of skate to dominate the bite through may first. A few scattered puppy drum, bluefish and Roundhead will be around as long as the water is around 60 degrees. The bite will really pick up in mid May and will be good through October.

On March 26, I braved 20-30 knot winds from the WSW along the point. Most anglers would drive up, watch, and drive away. They weren't interested in the conditions. Included in the chilly wind was an hour of pouring rain. Most of us still on the beach during the rain were hooking sharks almost immediately. As the rain cleared, the wind switched and it allowed us to fish with a little more ease. A large school of peanut bunker pushed the point from the south and a ton of bluefish were mixed into the feeding frenzy. I cast a metal spoon for about a half hour but only came tight to a few small 10-12" bluefish. There was one small 33" puppy caught but neither I or anyone else got a drum during that time. I went 3/3 on shark bites in 3 hours that included 2 sandbars (65", 81") and a sand tiger (85"). As always, every shark I can touch gets a specially designed shark tag before it is released. I'm pictured with the 81" skinny female sandbar shark with my custom built shark rig.



Fresh Water News

As you know, not much fishing happening this month.

Wrote a song about weather based on old Roger Miller song, "England swings like a pendulum do"

**March weather swings like a pendulum do
Heat waves, cold fronts and tornadoes too
East coast and west coast and Kalamazoo
Frost on the tulips and sunburn for you**

Melanie Bayford

Fresh Water News



2022 Fishing Forecasts & Reports

Check out our [Fishing Forecasts & Reports](#) section of our website for our 2022 forecasts!

- [2022 Walleye Fishing Forecast](#)
- [2022 Large Reservoir Fishing Forecasts](#)
- [2022 Virginia Small Impoundments Bass Fishing Ranking Report](#)
- [2022 Virginia Reservoirs Largemouth Bass Fishing Ranking Report](#)
- [2022 Virginia Non-Tidal River Fishing Forecast](#)
- [2022 Tidal Blue Catfish Outlook \(PDF\)](#)
- [2022 Tidal Bass Outlook \(PDF\)](#)

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2022 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
Yeti Cooler Raffle	Chair – Bob Burstein
Surf Tournaments:	Chair – Kelly Hoggard
Club Tournaments:	Chair – George Gabriel Co. Chair – Bob Burstein
Prize Fish:	Chair – Ike Eisenhower
Nomination Committee:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard
Conservation and Regulations:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard
T-Shirt Committee:	Chair – Patty Searby

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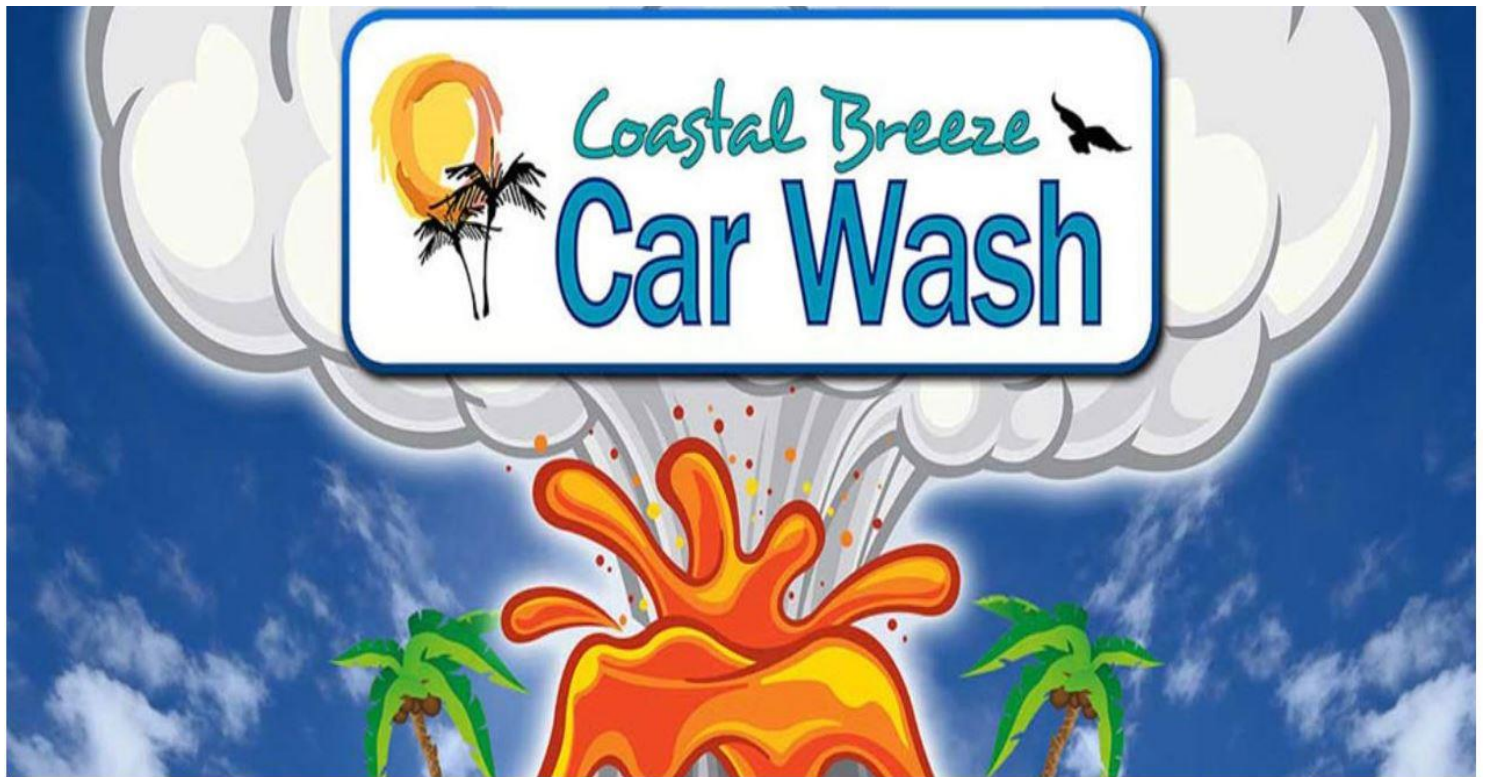


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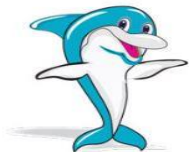
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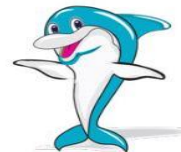
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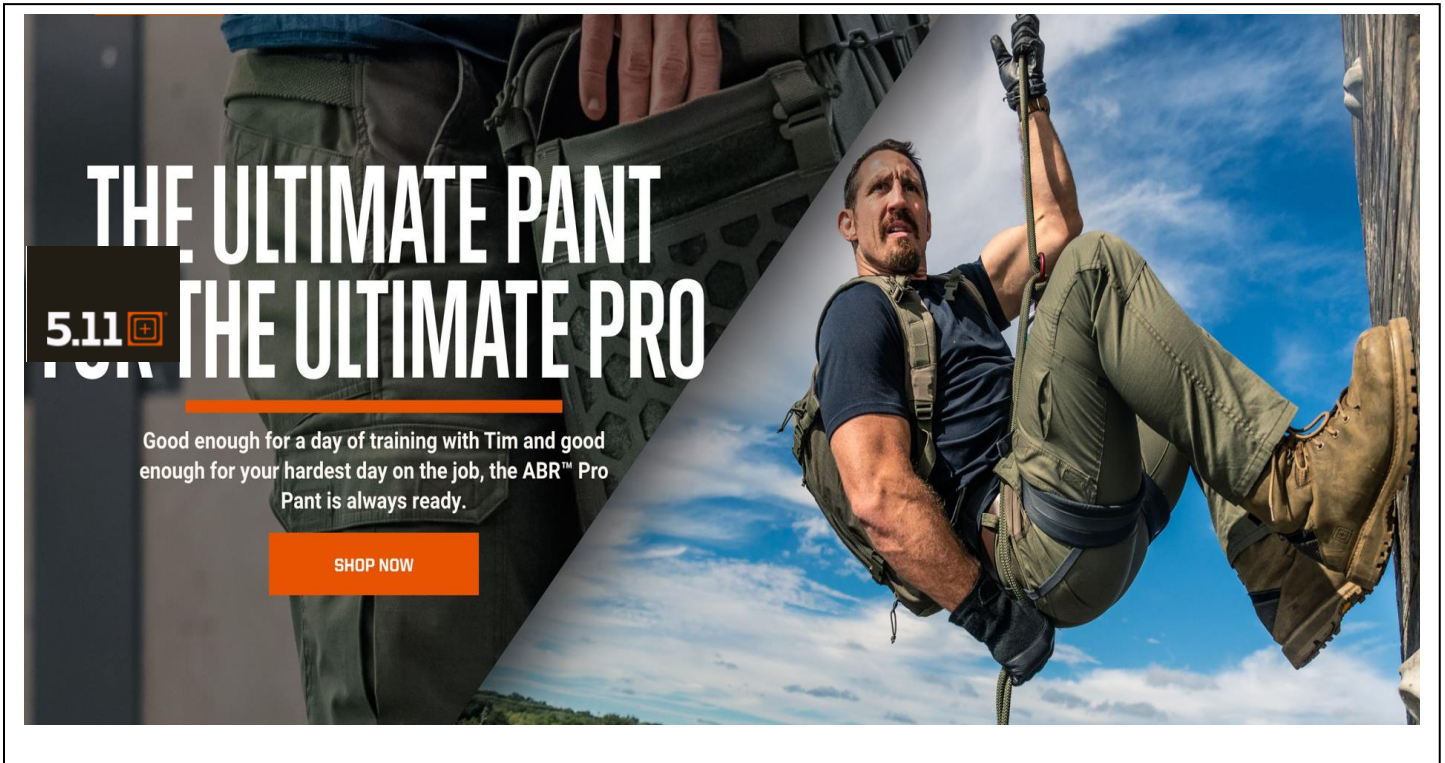
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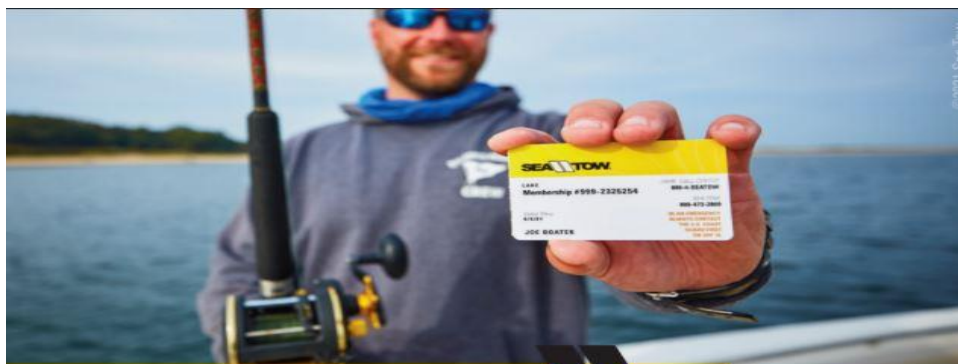
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- ❖ Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of 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.
- ❖ Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

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