



December 2022

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## *Tight Line*

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# The President's Corner

First I would like to wish you all a very Happy Holiday season. As my tenure as Club President comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone in the club who made my job of being President so easy. We have come a long way since I took over, I remember worrying that the club would dissolve on my watch due to Covid, but our club was resilient and stuck it out. Our membership has grown and continues to grow. Great things are ahead for the club, but this only works if we have your input and participation. Wishing you all fair winds, following seas and tight lines.

Chris

**Monthly Meeting:**

**When: Thursday December 1,  
2022 at 7:00 PM**

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

**Election and Christmas Party.**

**12/15 – Board Meeting.**

# 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	Kelly Hoggard	1lb. 12oz.
Black Sea Bass	David Smith	1lb. 9oz.
Spot	Sue Smith	6 oz.

Roulette Submissions  
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:  
[vbanglersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbanglersclub@gmail.com)  
Ike Eisenhower –  
email:[Jeisenhower@cox.net](mailto:Jeisenhower@cox.net)  
Cell: 757-373-6051

## Catch-A-Ride

**Please use new Facebook connection space.**

- 1) Sign into your Facebook page.
- 2) On your Home Page, go to “Groups”.
- 3) Go to the “Search Groups” section of your Facebook page.
- 4) Type in “VBAC Fishing Crews”.
- 5) When the site comes up, click the “Join” button.
- 6) Site Administration will approve your request within 24 hours.
- 7) Thereafter, the site will be listed in your “Groups” section so you can easily reach it afterwards. You can answer an existing post for anglers or post your availability as an angler or boat captain and date of availability.

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

## 2023 PLANNING CALENDAR

JANUARY	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	19	BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	4-5	MID ATLANTIC BOAT SHOW
	16	BOARD MEETING
	18	VBAC AWARDS BANQUET
MARCH	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	11	GREAT BRIDGE FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION FLEA MARKET
	16	BOARD MEETING
	18	VBAC CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT
APRIL	1	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	15	LEAD POURING PARTY
	20	BOARD MEETING
	22	ANNUAL FISH FRY
	29	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
MAY	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	4-5	OCRACOE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	6	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	13	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	13	HUNT FOR HARD HEADS CLUB CHALLENGE
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFIER – SANDBRIDGE
JUNE	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	3	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY DAY)
	9-11	OBX RETREAT & MARK WRAY TOURNAMENT
	10	CLUB SPONSORED CHARTER FISHING TRIP
	15	BOARD MEETING
	22	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	24	SETON YOUTH FISHING TRIP

# VBAC 2023 Planning Calendar Continued

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

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# Christmas Party/Meeting



**O**ur meeting will be December 1, 2022 starting at 7:00 and be a combination of a pot-luck dinner, raffle, and general elections and fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to bring in a dinner item or desert to share. If possible, please bring an extension cord if your item is coming in a corded appliance to be sure we have enough power.

**I**f there is a child in your party please let Chris Schneider (757-737-1115) or Mark Lozier (757-754-0062) know so we can have something special for them.

**Toys for Tots.** Unwrapped toys brought for this program are being collected at this meeting. Any gift you bring will be appreciated by some child this Christmas.

**M**embers are asked to bring in some non-perishable items for the Church's pantry as there is increased demand this year from so many.



# General Announcement

**Club members; I still need a lot of names for various years in the past for member of the year. If you were a recipient and have not responded with your year(s), please do so , then I can put this project to bed. I still need years 2011, I think I know but would like a confirmation. I also need 2006, 2005, 2003 back to 1992. I have 1991 and that is as far back as it goes to the best of knowledge. Check your walls, file cabinets, safes, etc. and let me know.**

**My email is [gpdoerhoff48@hotmail.com](mailto:gpdoerhoff48@hotmail.com), my phone is 757-404-4727.**

**Thanks,  
Gary**

**PS; to those that have responded and researched I send you a big thank you!!!**

# **Sportfishing group presents petition to move Omega Protein out of Chesapeake Bay**



**There will be a public hearing at VMRC on December 6. We need to turn out a crowd. More details to follow. Thanks,**

<https://www.virginiamercury.com/2022/10/27/sportfishing-group-presents-petition-to-move-omega-protein-out-of-chesapeake-bay/>

**Steve Atkinson,  
Virginia saltwater sportfishing  
association**

# Our November Speakers

**An appreciative “tip of the hat” goes to Jimmy Boatwright and John Cevora for their talk on methods, equipment, bait, and etiquette used in fishing for Red Drum from the pier. Everyone in the room learned something from their very thorough presentation.**



# Hooked on Hope Raffle

## About

Share this fundraiser [f](#) [t](#) [%](#)

This is YOUR opportunity to win a great boat, while supporting the mission of Hooked on Hope VB.

Hooked On Hope VB serves the pediatric cancer community. They provide fishing outings at no cost for the families they serve. They also provide the families with charter boat fishing events, onshore fishing events, and camping trips.

[ORGANIZER LINKS](#) ▼

## Meet the Organization



### Hooked On Hope VB

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/lancetmarine/Campaign/Details>

About Hooked on Hope VB

Founders Mike and Joanne Robey

Our family of five navigated through our youngest daughter's leukemia diagnosis one day at a time. Pediatric cancer affects the entire family. All of our lives were turned up-side-down and, at times, it felt as though we were being consumed by fear and the walls were closing in on us.

We had to escape, literally.

Our neighborhood lake became a refuge and fishing offered us that escape. We fished, we smiled, we exhaled, the sun warmed our bodies, we relaxed and we felt renewed. Fishing became therapy.

We are hooked on offering that feeling to other families, just like ours.

Hooked on Hope VB launched on our daughter's diagnosis day, three years later. We are thankful to give that date new meaning. Fishing continues to heal us.

Thank you for joining us and families like ours on this journey.

For more information check out their website at:

<https://hookedonhopevb.org>



## Raffle

Entry sales start:

October 07, 2022 at 3:24 pm  
EST

Available until:

December 19, 2022 at 11:59 pm  
EST

Drawing date:

December 20, 2022 at 11:59 am  
EST

Dear Virginia Beach Anglers Club,

My name is Jenn and I work for Lancet Marine in Chesapeake, Va. We are a local marine business that sells boats and outboard motors. We also service boats as well.

I am writing to you because we are currently raffling off one a boat for Hooked on Hope VB, which is a local charity we work closely with. Hooked on Hope VB serves the pediatric cancer community. They provide fishing outings at no cost for the families they serve. The families enjoy charter boat fishing events, onshore fishing events, and camping trips.

The boat we are raffling off can be won by anyone, but the proceeds will be given to Hooked on Hope VB. We have already had the boat out at several events in the Hampton Roads area.

If possible could you share this at your next meeting to your members or if you would like us to come talk about the raffle as well we can do that. I have included the link to the raffle website where tickets or donations can be made directly for the cause.



**Charter Fishing**  
Big fun out on the water for a classic fishing escapade!



**Onshore Fishing**  
Enjoying the fun of fishing from dry ground—a perfect fit for many families!



**Camping**  
Have fun in the sun, then cozy up for nighttime at the campground!



**Who We Serve**  
Pediatric cancer families who are within 3 years of their end-of-treatment date, as well as bereaved families.

# Prize Fish Leaders

## 2022 Prize Fish Leaders for November

### Freshwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
<b>Freshwater Release</b>				
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	Melanie Bayford	10/17/22	15 in	Chickahominy Lake
Chain Pickerel	Russell Willoughby	2/21/22	21.75 in	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby	3/19/22	18.25 in	Lake Smith
Bowfin	Alan Hunter	10/26/22	28 in	Piankatank River
Longnose Gar	Melanie Bayford	6/21/22	44.5 in	Piankatank River
Sunfish (Other)	Alan Hunter	4/8/22	8 in	Dragon Run
White Perch	Alan Hunter	4/17/22	10.75 in	Dragon Run
Yellow Perch	Alan Huner	4/22/22	11 in	Ticknor Creek
Channel Catfish	Kelly Hoggard	2/23/22	28 in	Albemarle Sound

### Saltwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout	George Gabriel	2/2/22	6 lb. 8 oz.	Lynnhaven
Pompano	Andrew Hawkins	5/5/22	3 lb. 7 oz.	Ocracoke Island, NC
Cobia	George Gabriel	6/21/22	28 lb. 1 oz.	Chesapeake Bay
Spot	Susan Smith	9/24/22	6 oz	Rudee Inlet
Spanish Mackerel	Kelly Hoggard	7/14/22	3 lb. 13 oz.	Back Bay NWR
Sheepshead	David Smith	9/1/22	9 lb. 8 oz	Back River Reef
Yellowfin Tuna	David Smith	6/27/22	42 lb. 2 oz.	Oregan Inlet

### Saltwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Speckled Trout	Ike Eisenhower	9/14/22	22 in	Little Creek
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	5/21/22	17 in	Sandbridge
Sharks (8)	Kelly Hoggard	1/1/22	109 in	Ramp 38, NC
Cobia	Chris Schneider	7/1/22	40 in	Chesapeake Bay
Spanish Mackerel	Kelly Hoggard	7/14/22	21 in	Back Bay NWR
Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard	4/28/22	49 in	Ocracoke Ramp
Sheepshead	David Smith	8/14/22	24.2 in	The Cell
		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	Kelly Hoggard	7/31/22	1 lb. 12 oz	CBBT
Black Sea Bass	David Smith	5/12/22	1 lb. 9 oz	Triangle Wrecks.
Spot	Susan Smith	9/24/22	6 oz	Rudee Inlet

Submitted 11/26/22



# Fresh Water News



**11/4**

**An awfully nice day on Lake Smith.**

**White perch, yellow perch, catfish, Lg mouth Bass, and Crappie.**

# Surf Fishing News

## Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Tournament Results

November 3, 4 & 5, 2022

### Virginia Beach Anglers Club Team A

30<sup>th</sup> (T-28) Place out of 120 teams – 21 fish for 41 points

**Competing Anglers:** \*Kelly Hoggard – 4 fish; 18 points

\*Patty Searby – 5 fish; 8 point

\*C-Robbie Parks – 6 fish; 8 point

Wesley Waters – 2 fish; 3 points

Jerry Hughes – 3 fish; 3 points

Russell Willoughby – 1 fish; 1 point

### Virginia Beach Anglers Club Team B

47<sup>th</sup> Place out of 120 teams – 11 fish for 30 points

**Competing Anglers:** C-Doug Wehner – 2 fish; 8 points

\*Jennie Braithwaite – 3 fish; 7 points

\*Caroline Robinson – 3 fish; 6 point

Greg Wehner – 2 fish; 5 points

Liz Nash – 1 fish; 4 points

Rick Hoggard – 0 fish; 0 points

\*returning anglers for 2023

The Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Tournament is the largest team surf event in the world. It hosts 120 teams of 6 for a total of 720 anglers and nearly 75 volunteers during the tournament. The tournament is scattered along many of the best beaches in Hatteras. It encompasses a range of 25+ miles from ramp 23 all the way down to ramp 49. Teams fish four sessions. Two of these sessions are north of the point and two of these sessions are south of the point. Fishing was moderately slow and the fish were smaller than usual. This years tournaments have all been tightly packed with a few points making a big placement difference.



# Surf Fishing News Continued

## Team A Report:

Written by Kelly Hoggard

Our team brought their 'A' game for this one. We fished hard and scored at least 4 fish in every session of the tournament. **Only 3 teams in the entire tournament managed that feat!** We finished only a few points out of the top 20 of 120 teams. Every member of our team put points on the board and only 18 teams scored more total fish than us. It was an exceptional team effort.

Both of our teams drew similar sites for the tournament. We were fishing within sight of each other for both days. We drew sites that were generally near the edges. But it turns out that this was the tournament to get the 'middle' zone, particularly south of the point. Much of the best fishing was along the curve between the point and ramp 48. A deep cut along the turn provided some better quality fishing close to the beach. North and east winds offshore this fall had developed a large 4 foot swell. The winds were fortunate for the anglers and rarely did it create issues.

The average angler wakes up on the morning of their first session with anticipation and excitement. There were some complications that developed overnight for all the anglers as a stalled front decided to push further west than anticipated. Heavy rains with scattered lightning was covering the island and additional storms were inbound. It was apparent that few teams were leaving as early as expected. The entire session was accompanied by rain, very heavy at times. Lightning wasn't generally visible but the consistent rumbles of thunder were a reminder of the poor conditions. Those who fished closer to buxton were hit the worse with heavy drenching rains the entire session.

We started north of the point on ramp 23 at site number 4. For those familiar with the Hatteras beaches, our site was just a few hundred yards south of the wreck always visible on the south end of Salvo. I had managed to prefish the area the day before and found a good roundhead bite. We started off by chasing some bluefish and roundhead. Many of the bluefish we caught were 6 to 10 inches but would not score any points. Most teams around us found a few roundhead averaging barely 1 point each. Our team was no different. What I thought was possibly the best beach we would fish the entire tournament turned out to be the worst for us.

The afternoon was at site number 116 near ramp 49. I received intel of a few larger bluefish in that area in the morning so we geared up and chased the bluefish bite hard in the afternoon. There were certainly a bunch of bluefish on that beach but few managed to score any points. The average was just touching that 11 inch mark. We scored 7 fish but for a meager 9 points. Barely more than 1 point per fish.

The next morning was a special area for me personally. We fished at site 66 in an area known as "South Beach". It's a south facing beach just west of the point. I spend at least half of my days in hatteras fishing in some capacity on that beach. Our site contained the wash from the larger swells and was dominating the first 80+ yards of the beach. It was impossible for most anglers to reach the calmer cleaner water. I put on a drum rig and started to sling away. Hard bites were common but hookups were rare. This was likely due to the number of smaller grey trout in the area. I managed 3 larger blues and 1 scoring grey trout for 18 points. Casting was futile for most of the other anglers in the area. A rare roundhead would enter the wash but the likelihood it would find your bait in the rip was difficult. Patty did manage a nice 13.5" roundhead to score 3 additional points for the team.

Our team ended up on Ramp 38 for the final session. A deep wide slough was available for fish to move around in. Four foot waves and some even larger were pounding the bar 200 yards out keeping most fish away from the beaches. We scavenged through small bites to eventually find a few bluefish. Robbie even caught a double header! It was our last shot to move up the leaderboard and a handful of 11 inch bluefish didn't cut it. We only managed 5 fish for 6 points.

We finished with 21 fish for 41 point. Less than 2 points per fish is an indication of just how small the average scoring fish was. We had a great time on the beach together have a lot of good memories to share.

It was a great tournament as always and there's no other place to be than peak season in Hatteras.

# Surf Fishing News Continued

## Team B Report:

Written by Doug Wehner

As is frequently the case in Outer Banks Surf Tournaments, the “blitz”, if you want to call it that, took place during one session and mostly for one team. The remainder of the 120 team field needed to scramble for the few fish swimming up and down the beaches of Hatteras Island. The Surfside Anglers of Kill Devil Hills beached 37 fish for 120 points in the first session of the event and held on to win the tournament with 56 fish for 160 points. Second place went to last year’s winner, The Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club “Fish Hoggs”. They ended up with 48 fish for 109 points. New Jersey’s Ocean City Fishing Club was third with 35 fish for 98 points.

Our Team #2 finished in 47<sup>th</sup> place with 11 fish worth 30 points. We produced scoring fish in all 4 sessions and every member of the team fished hard and all caught fish. Some scored; some didn’t. Like most of the teams participating, we caught lots of under-sized fish and ineligible fish like sharks and rays. The team consisted of 3 ladies and 3 men. Caroline Robinson, Liz Nash and Jennie Braithwaite were the ladies and Doug Wehner, Greg Wehner and Rick Hoggard were the men. The team fished hard, worked together well and represented the Virginia Beach Anglers Club in a very commendable fashion.

## Bob Bernard Individual Recap:

Written by Kelly Hoggard

Our tournament team members traditionally fish the Saturday individual tournament. Our anglers have had good success competing in this tournament. You fish for a few hours on Saturday morning and have an hour to get your fish back to the clubhouse for weigh-in. Wesley Waters has been a consistent producer of quality fish in our Intra-Club tournaments this year. He was also productive on this day.

Wesley and I decided to head back to the beaches that were mostly successful during the tournament. We decided to chase two species on this day. Roundhead and Bluefish. We headed down to South Beach and Wesley picked out an area to stop at. It took a while to find a bite. He was throwing a doodle bug and got a hard hit and tough fighter! His first fish of the morning turned out to be a fat 18” bluefish pushing over 2 pounds. I had one slightly behind him at 17.75” and marked it with a zip-tie to make sure we didn’t mix up our catches. We caught quite a few good blues between 16 and 18 inches but the short time frame of the tournament required us to move on to have a chance at other species.

We stopped to talk with Doug and Robbie who were fishing the same stretch. It sounded like they were having less luck than desired so we all moved around to find something different. Wesley and I went north to ramp 30 looking for a good roundhead bite. Doug would eventually head south to ramp 55. He found a few tugs but not much of any quality. Robbie headed north to check on the bite at ramp 34. There were a few good holes. He played around with a couple skates and sharks before calling it a day.

There were a few 2 pound citations along this northern stretch in the week leading up to the tournament and we wanted in on the action. Ramp 30 had a good looking beach but was very narrow. The steep beach provided some nice structure but the high tide nearly washed up to the dunes. Luckily for us it was getting close to low tide. We ran our way along the narrow tracks looking for a spot to fish. We stopped in an area with a shallow bar and a couple deep holes. I got a bluefish bite almost instantly on the puppy drum rig so I switched rigs to some fresh sandfleas on floats. The next hour seemed like the shortest one of the whole week. A couple of decent bites but we failed to make any hookups.

Our 2022 tournament schedule was now over. We held our heads high as we pulled in at the CHAC headquarters. Wesley weighed the biggest bluefish they saw all day. Congratulations to Wesley Waters for winning the Bluefish Division of the CHAC Bob Bernard Invitational!

Tournament Pictures:









**Prefishing Report:** Wesley and I spent the entire day on Tuesday chasing fish and driving beaches. We started at the point in Hatteras well before sunrise. We managed to tag a few sharks before breakfast. Next we slipped down to Ocracoke for a few hours and checked out nearly every accessible beach from ramp 59 to the south point at ramp 72. We finished the day on Ramp 55 catching blues through sunset. There were sharks and bluefish everywhere we went. It was a lot of good practice for Wesley that paid dividends in the days during the tournament. We had a lot of fun running all over and fishing so many unique beaches in one day.



## **Nags Head Surf Fishing Club Invitational Tournament Results**

**October 6 & 7, 2022**

### **Virginia Beach Anglers Club Team A**

47<sup>th</sup> Place out of 80 teams – 7 fish for 34 points

**Competing Anglers:** \*C-Doug Wehner – 1 fish; 5 points

\*Jerry Mariano – 1 fish; 1 point

\*John Stout – 1 fish; 1 point

Melanie Bayford – 0 fish; 0 points

Micki Walsh – 0 fish; 0 points

Mark Boettcher – 0 fish; 0 points

### **Virginia Beach Anglers Club Team B**

38<sup>th</sup> Place out of 80 teams – 5 fish for 9 points

**Competing Anglers:** \*Patty Searby – 4 fish; 8 points

\*Rick Hoggard – 1 fish; 1 point

Zac Thomas – 0 fish; 0 points

C-Kelly Hoggard – 0 fish; 0 points

\*returning anglers for 2023

The Nags Head Surf Fishing Club runs the annual surf fishing tournament held on their beaches. 2022 was the 70<sup>th</sup> annual tournament. As has been what seems like a tradition at this point, a big storm affected the tournament. It has been close to a decade since Nags Head was able to hold a good weather tournament and fish all their sessions on time. Numerous tournaments have been cancelled in recent years due to weather. The weekend prior to the tournament was dominated by Hurricane Ian. We got two doses of it. One when the hurricane made landfall in South Carolina. And a second time when the remnants pushed offshore of the mid Atlantic a few days later. It brought additional gusty winds and heavy surf. Our Thursday sessions were condensed into one midday session to be fished around low tide. The second day had a morning delay but we were able to fish both sessions for the full length of time. This is historically one of the better tournaments to fish. But each year is different and few anglers walked away with many scored fish in this one.

## **Team A Report:**

Written by Doug Wehner

As sometimes is the case, Nags Head was just coming off some higher than normal tides. As a result, the Thursday session was shortened to one four-hour, mid-day session, instead of the two three-hour sessions scheduled. The Friday schedule remained as planned. The shortened Thursday session produced lots of small fish, but our team of 6 wasn't able to put any scoring fish on the beach. We weren't alone, as 42 of the 80 teams competing scored nothing on Thursday. On Friday's morning session, the outgoing tide finally blessed us with one 15 inch bluefish. The incoming tide that afternoon gave us two 11-inch blues.

Our 7 points landed us in 47<sup>th</sup> place. Weather was great and the surf was very fishable, as evidenced by the numerous undersized speckled trout, blues, black drum and spot. There just weren't many fish of scoring size available. The winning team ended up with only 20 fish for 69 points, one of the lower scoring Nags Head events in their 70 year history. All 6 of our team members fished hard and represented the Virginia Beach Anglers Club in a sportsmanlike and competitive manner. The 3 returning anglers are Doug Wehner, Jerry Mariano and John Stout.

## **Team B Report:**

Written by Kelly Hoggard

Hurricane Ian hit the mid Atlantic hard on the days prior to the tournament. Wind gusts over 80 mph were recorded during two separate events less than 7 days before the start of the tournament. Much of the beaches in nags head received a beach replenishment over the summer but there was little evidence of it. The weekend full moon did not help the water levels either as tides were already a foot above average.

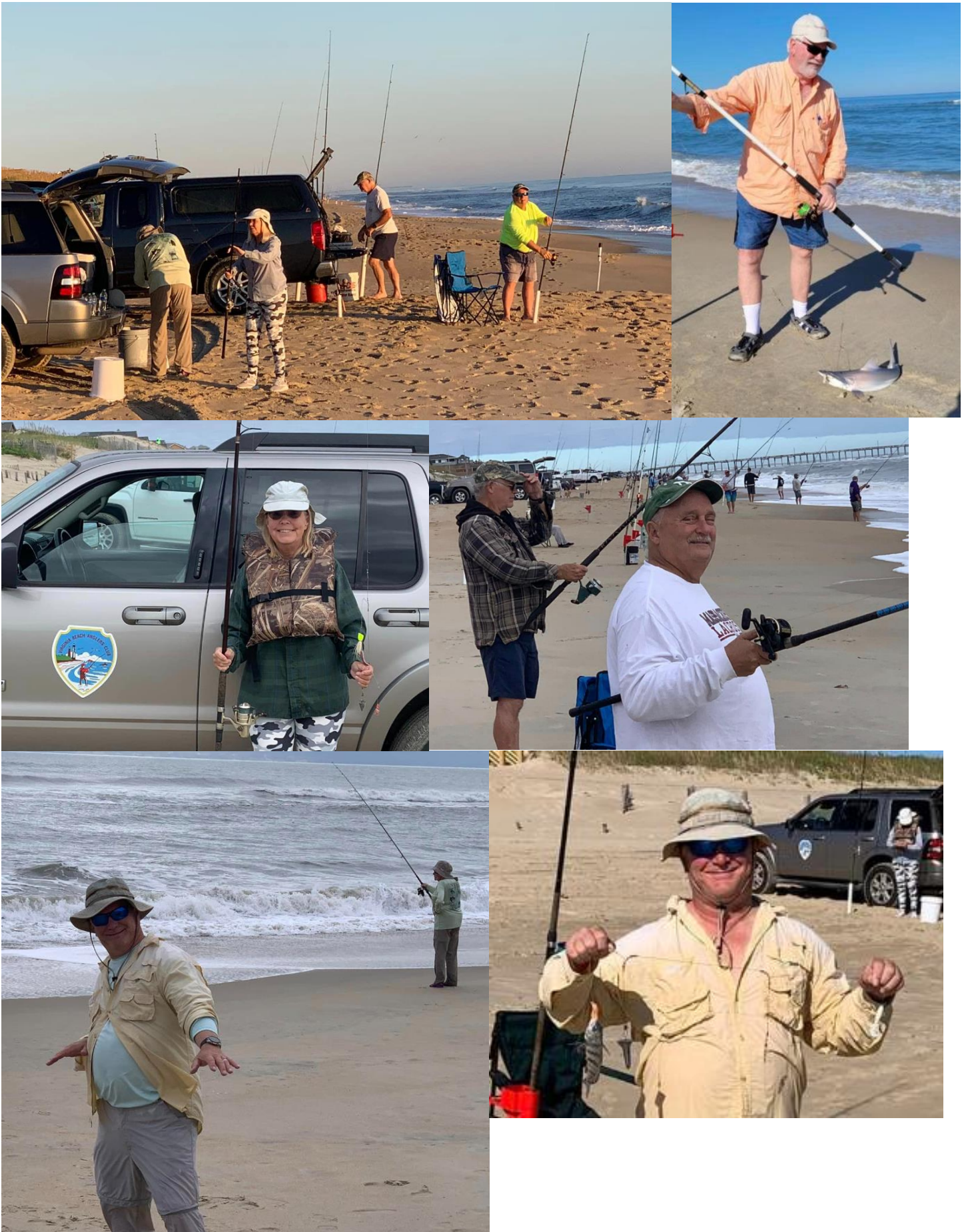
Thursdays session we hit the beach a little north of Jennette's pier. It appeared to be a decent area to fish. As the tide went down, it was apparent that this was one of the worse spots on the beach. A small point to our north created a large wash zone with a strong rip and heavy grass. We struggled just to maintain bottom and the lines were quickly swallowed up when left in the water. Patty pulled a few roundhead out of the wash but was only able to score one of them, an impressive 13 ¾" that almost went for 4 points. We were sure that it was a terrible start to the tournament, but less than half the teams scored on the first day which kept us well up on the leaderboard.

Friday we fished some much nicer zones but had almost no bites during the morning session. It was an area with deeper water and many teams had encounters with speckled trout. No luck for us however. We moved further south in the afternoon. The trough between the beach and sandbar was about 4 feet deep, but the bar was almost dry. Many teams made the trek to walk out to the bar and fish during low tide. We encountered many more fish out there but most were small. Some teams were finding sizeable roundhead big enough to score. As the water came up, patty was able to get into a rhythm and was scoring a few small roundhead. The rest of the team was struggling to keep up but Rick was able to manage a 1 pointer before the final buzzer.

We finished in 38<sup>th</sup> place barely scraping the top half. Patty dominated the scoring with her many roundhead catches as she often does in these low scoring events. Our team had multiple misfortunes leading up to the tournament. One member had to have surgery just days before the event and was unable to participate. A second member of our team had a medical emergency within the family that withdrew them from the beach early on. We had a great time and caught some fish but wish the conditions had been a little more favorable to scoring. This is one of the best run tournaments the club participates in each year. We're looking forward to a chance at redemption next year!



Tournament Pictures:







### **2022 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:**

Boat Show:	<b>Chair – Russell Willoughby</b>
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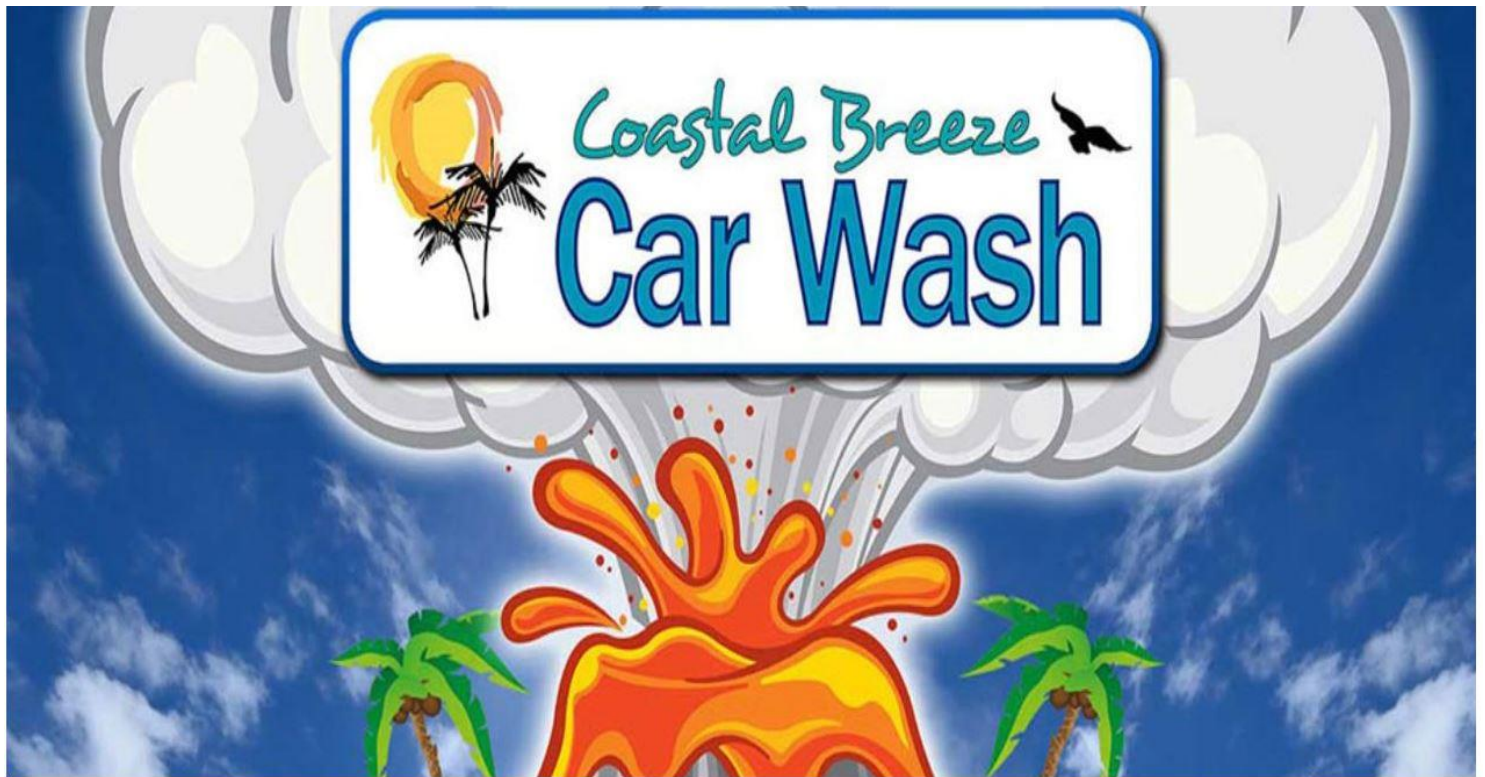


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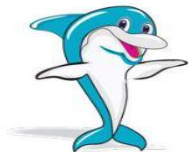
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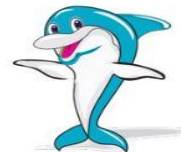
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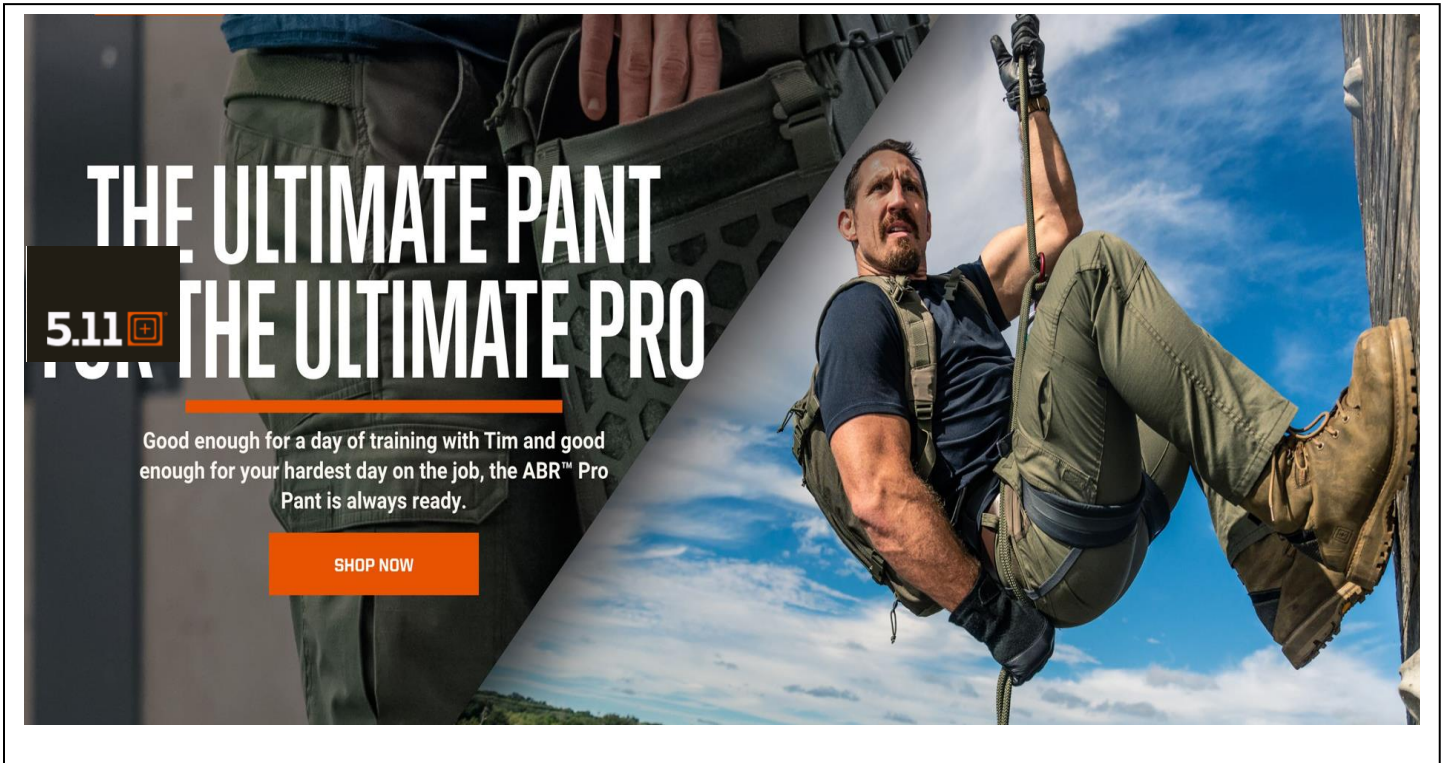
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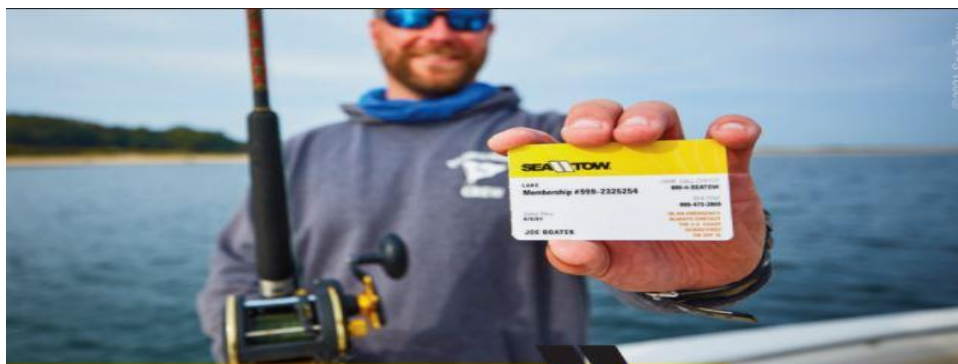
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## Our Objectives:

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

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