



June 2022

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## Tight Line

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# The President's Corner

The weather has finally gotten nice and the fishing has picked up. We had a great intra club surf tournament out at Sandbridge. The bay water is warming up and the big redfish, black drum and Cobia have arrived, along with a lot of other species. Offshore the Tuna are a little tough to find, but that should change quickly, and if you can find a weed line you will find plenty of Mahi. June will be a busy month, I hope to see everyone at our monthly meeting and club activities. Wishing you fair winds, following sea and tight lines.

Chris

## Upcoming Events

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**When: Thursday June 2, 2022 at 7:30 PM**

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

**Speakers: Tom & Trey Ritter**

**Subject: Cobia Fishing. This should be a great presentation with valuable information for the upcoming Cobia season and tournament. Bring a friend!**

**6/4 - Crab Creek Clean-Up. 10AM to 11AM. This is also “Clean the Bay Day”. 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.**

**6/4 – Charter Fishing Trip on “Tail Chaser” Fishing Charters. (Fishermen already chosen by drawing.) (Page 12 for details.)**

**6/16 – Board Meeting.**

**6/23 – Fish & Wildlife Beach - Surf Fishing for Kids Teaching Event (See page 11 for details).**

**6/25 – Seaton Youth Fishing Event**

# 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		

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## Catch-A-Ride

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### CREW

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Victor Minak (703) 888-8992

*Add your name to either list by sending an  
email to  
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# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

## 2022 PLANNING CALENDAR

( 1.01.22)

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 & WILFLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
25	SETON HOUSE YOUTH FISHING TRIP

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## 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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# VBAC Spring 2022 Intraclub Results and Summary

Congratulations to Patty Searby and Wesley Waters; our two big winners from the Spring 2022 Intraclub Surf Event!

Patty finished in first place and won an Oceans East gift card with 10 fish for 45 points. Wesley followed her up with a second place finish and also won an Oceans East gift card with a 13 inch Roundhead.



Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> was a beautiful day for fishing. Nearly 20 anglers adjourned at little island park shortly after 7 am. We set up along the beach south of the fishing pier and fished an incoming tide with discolored water. Most anglers encountered a skate or burrfish and a few anglers measured some spot. Most of the spot were just under the minimum size to score, but patty was able to find a couple larger spot around 8 inches. A few roundhead were pushing the beaches late in the session and Wesley managed to get a 13 incher with just 15 minutes left to fish. At the conclusion of fishing, we all gathered under pavilion 4 and ate sandwiches and chips. It was a fun event and most anglers scored at least one point. The top 5 anglers in our year long standings will earn a spot in a 2023 tournament of their choice!

Our next Sandbridge Surf Tournament is going to be Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

VBAC Intraclub Standings 2022							
Place	Angler	Total	Spring		Summer		Fall
			Points	Fish			
1	Patty Searby	40	40	10			
2	Wesley Waters	17	17	5			
3	Russell Willoughby	5	5	5			
4	Rick Hoggard	2	2	2			
5	Zac Thomas	1	1	1			
5	Melanie Bayford	1	1	1			
5	Jimmy Boatright	1	1	1			
5	Lou Corrigliano	1	1	1			
9	Alex Ramos	0	0	0			
9	Ron Ramos	0	0	0			
9	Chris Schneider	0	0	0			
9	Eric Whisman	0	0	0			
9	Bill Mannschreck	0	0	0			
9	Jerry Mariano	0	0	0			





A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS!



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May 29, 2022

This summer, we (VBAC) together with the Norfolk Anglers Club (NAC), the Tidewater Anglers Club (TAC), and the Great Bridge Fisherman's Association (GBFA) will be helping the National Fish and Wildlife Service (F&WL) sponsor a morning of surf fishing for children. The location is the F&WL beach south of Sandbridge. The Service will provide all the materials necessary. (Rods, reels, bait, tackle, sandspikes, etc.) We, the four angling clubs will provide the talent necessary to help the children have a good experience. Depending on the skill set of the child, we will help them cast, bait the hook, take the fish off the hook, and untangle things as necessary. We want to insure that the child has a fun experience surf fishing. There are five dates for these events. All Thursdays.

June 23<sup>th</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup>

August 4<sup>th</sup>

July 21<sup>st</sup>

August 18<sup>th</sup>

We need two or three members to volunteer for each Thursday. You do not need to be there for all five Thursdays. If you can help one or two times, that would be great. We report @ 8AM at the F&WL facility to get the equipment and bait to the beach. The children and their parents will be there @ 9AM and we fish until noon. Please let me know when you can help the kids. Bob Burstein 267-994-7423.

Thanks,

Bob

# Charter w/ Capt. Joe Guffey

Congratulations to the following winners of the VBAC 2022 Fishing Charter drawing who have been selected to fish aboard the **Teasn'** with Captain Joe Guffey on June 4<sup>th</sup>:

1. Robert Oliver
2. Russell Willowby
3. Ike Eisenhower
4. Patty Searby
5. David Schippers
6. Rob Stommel

Alternates:

1. Victor Minak
2. Ira Carter
3. Lou Corigliano
4. Jerry Mariano
5. Rick Hoggard
6. Wes Waters

**Date:** June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 4:30 am – 6:00 pm (arrive at 4:00 to load your gear and be ready to depart on time.) **BE PROMPT THE BOAT WILL NOT WAIT!!!**

**Location:** Rudee (For those not familiar, this is the boat ramp located in the north parking lot at the Virginia Marine Science Museum on General Booth Blvd.)

You will be fishing 70 miles off shore for tuna. Once we catch our limit, we will finish the day deep dropping on wrecks for Tile fish and Sea bass.

**\$160.00** must be paid in full by May 19<sup>th</sup> or your name will be removed and alternates will be selected.

Everything you need to fish will be provided. You may bring your own gear if you choose.

Water will be provided by VBAC. Bring your own food/snacks and additional beverage of choice.

Don't forget your hat, sunglasses and sunblock. Coolers are encouraged so that you can take home your catches! **This will be a keep/clean what you catch trip.**

# Hunt for Hardheads New Date

**"Hunt for the  
Hardheads"  
Challenge**



**Sign Up  
at the  
Next  
Meeting!!**

**"Hunt for the Hardheads"  
Saturday July 23, 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 July 23, 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!

## Hatteras Village Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament Results

### Virginia Beach Anglers Club Team 1

27<sup>th</sup> place out of 72 teams – 9 fish for 24 points

**Competing Anglers:** \*Doug Wehner – 3 fish; 13 points

\*Victor Muron – 2 fish; 5 points

\*Russell Willoughby – 2 fish; 4 points

Andy Hawkins – 2 fish; 2 points

Jerry Hughes – 0 fish; 0 points

Jeff Ratliff – 0 fish; 0 points

### Virginia Beach Anglers Club Team 2

6<sup>th</sup> place out of 72 teams – 9 fish for 46 points

**Competing Anglers:** \*Kelly Hoggard – 4 fish; 34 points

\*Patty Searby – 3 fish; 6 points

\*Melanie Bayford – 2 fish; 3 points

Rick Hoggard – 1 fish; 3 points

Jimmy Boatright – 0 fish; 0 points

Tim Fitch – 0 fish; 0 points

\*returning anglers for 2022

The Ocracoke tournament is always one of the best each year. There was a lot of turmoil over this years teams as many of our regularly contributing anglers weren't available or had passed away since we last fished Ocracoke. Both of our teams had to reach deep and find new anglers from outside the club to fill spots. With just days remaining, both teams were filled and we were on our way south! While conditions were nice for a solid week before the tournament, a big front came through Wednesday morning. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday featured a heavy north wind. This is ordinarily a terrible circumstance but Ocracoke faces mostly to the south and east. The winds were off our back but it was quite chilly. Waves were 2-3 foot and the water was mostly green and clear. Many teams scored large puppy drum. These drum can often go for 30 or 40 points and help vault you into a top spot. Our teams weren't as lucky and competed well by catching and scoring numerous quality fish. Congrats to both teams for fishing hard and especially team 2 for their 6<sup>th</sup> place finish!

## **Team 1 Ocracoke Report:**

A sportscaster once made a comment about “The Thrill of Victory, the Agony of Defeat.” Doug felt the thrill of working a flounder hole and landing an 18 incher! His agony of “da feet” was from a nasty sunburn on the top of his feet. At one point in the tournament, he was fishing in just a bathing suit. Later in the same session, the clothing included a t-shirt, plaid shirt, a hooded sweatshirt and then finally his waders.

With two new club members on team 1, the six of them competed quite well. The most fish taken by any of the 72 teams this year was 15. Team 1 wasn’t far behind with 9 fish! Though they finished 27<sup>th</sup>, it was a respectable finish. Our teams rarely finish outside 30<sup>th</sup> in a tournament, especially with a field this large.

All six anglers fished hard. Judges regularly comment about our commitment to tournament fishing and it’s always been the case. By the end of the second day, most people are sitting in their trucks or beach chairs. But team 1 was all working the beach just like in the start of the tournament looking for that one fish to make a difference.

As captain, Doug drew the numbers for the beach sites. Russell got a 3 point sea mullet in the first session and Doug scored a 4 point sea mullet in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, helping to ensure the team scored in all 4 fishing sessions. Vic achieved his first ever point scored in a tournament this time around. It was fun to watch his excitement and enthusiasm for fishing the tournament after catching that fish! His second scoring fish ensured an opportunity to return next year and improve on this years result.

Sometimes fishing is just pure, dumb luck. No matter how hard you fish, you can’t always win a tournament because that tournament winning fish never provides you the opportunity.

Doug would like to thank Russell, Vic, Jerry, Andy and Jeff for their contribution and commitment to the teams success. He’d love to be a part of the same team anytime or anyplace!

## Team 2 Ocracoke Report:

Fishing on the island was great but the weather had something to say about it. With such wonderful conditions for a week before the tournament, we had reports of all kinds of great fishing. It didn't seem to matter where you stopped on the beach, a fish was there. By tournament day however, this warm sunny weather had changed over to clouds and cool breezes.

Team 2 hit the beach hard on Wednesday looking for some consistent fishing. It seemed that most of the tournament area was not accessible until tournament morning. This threw a wrench into much of our planning. Anglers often get to see the beaches and conditions they will encounter before heading out to fish for your session. Using our knowledge and experience from Wednesday mattered little as the beaches to the north were significantly different. Northern beaches were much coarser sand with deeper drops and troughs. As you headed south, beaches were soft with fine white sand. Our preparation did not help Thursday morning.

While we struggled to find any bites Thursday morning, the team next to us beached three nice bluefish in less than an hour. There was no luck out there further away from the beaches. It was necessary to fish close to the shallow break and look for the small roundheads that might score. The team started off well, going 4 fish for 10 points at the end of the first session. The afternoon though faced low tide in a shallow slough and it produced almost 0 bites. Patty pulled one nice 14.5" roundhead up. We called the judge and got him over to measure the fish. Patty excitedly got rebaited to throw out and try to catch another fish when the judge exclaims 'Why are you rushing back out there? The session is over.' And it was. Patty got her 4 points in and we didn't realize the session had just ended. You know you're fishing hard when your whole team has no idea the session is ended and you're trying to get that one bite.

Winds on Friday were lighter and we were seeing much cleaner water. As an avid spanish angler, Kelly was keen to follow the bite and knew they were in the area. For nearly 2 hours in the morning, he would cast and cast and cast but never felt a bite. Late in the session, Rick got in on the action and scored his first tournament fish! He scored the only 3 points of the session preventing us from being skunked. Every fish counts and those three points could make a big difference by the end of the day.

The last session of the tournament marked the best beach we would fish the entire tournament. We had a hard rip right in the center with water continuously flowing out. It was an obvious area for roundhead and the clear water was pushing tight to the beach, just as Kelly was hoping. About an hour in, a spanish jumped just over the breakers. Kelly grabbed his metal rod and within 6 casts, had beach 3 spanish for an impressive 29 points! Another hour of casting provided nothing. Patty got in on the action too chasing down the roundheads. Unfortunately, a nice 14-15" roundhead got away in just 2 inches of water. He had enough to keep righted and swim down the shallow pool. It unfortunately got away and was the difference in not winning the session. We missed out being fourth session winners by only 3 points.

We fished hard with two new club members. One of our team members was unable to fish on Thursday due to a family emergency. He joined us late in the tournament and was only able to fish on Friday. We had a lot of fun fishing together. There were chances to catch just a couple more fish to push us further up the leaderboard. We scored 9 fish with a healthy 46 points finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place! It's not often you can get that high in a tournament and only one or two fish can make a BIG difference in placing. This is especially true for a low scoring tournament. We all look forward to trying again next year.

## Some Tournament Pictures:



Tuesday and Thursday night Kelly headed down to the beach and caught a drum both nights. Tuesday's catch was a nice 26 inch puppy. Thursday night, Kelly caught a 49 inch drum. On his way out to the beach Thursday, he asked his team members if anyone wanted to accompany him. They all declined while they were sitting on the couch watching TV. This just proves Kelly's favorite saying: "Can't Catch Fish On The Couch!"



# 2 MONTHS TO GO!



**With just two months remaining before we hit the water, now is the perfect time to register for the fifth-annual ODU Monarch Cobia Classic!**

In its first four years, this event has raised over \$100k for the ODUAA Scholarship Fund, and we're looking for more in 2022! Whether you become a sponsor, register as an angler, or simply make a donation, your involvement will benefit ODU students. Plus, you could win **cash prizes up to \$50k\***!



**For more information, visit [odualumni.org/cobiaclassic](https://odualumni.org/cobiaclassic) or contact us at [odualumni@odu.edu](mailto:odualumni@odu.edu).**

*\*Based on sponsorship and participation levels.*

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# 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
Bowfin	Russell Willoughby	3/1/22	26.5 in	Lake Smith
Longnose Gar	Alan Hunter	4/22/22	40 in	Cat Point Creek
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	Albamarle Sound
Blue Catfish	Alan Hunter	5/28/22	31.5 "	Occupacin Creek

### 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 (8)	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				

Updated 4/28/22

# Salt Water News

Toggin' 4/16/22

Went out with Robert and his neighbor Jeff on April 16th for some tog. The weather was calm and cloudy. We headed out to the CBBT and dropped blue crabs. We set up at max current and found that the schools of togs were working back and forth. Often getting two bites at the same time, then going 10 minutes before getting multiple bites again. They are definitely hungry and looking for food.

Robert was the first to hook up and got a nice 22" tog that went about 6.5 pounds. We caught a few more and tagged some short ones. Each of us caught a decent tog to take home and eat for dinner. I left the rod in the holder for a couple minutes while dealing with a tangle and saw a big bite. When reeling it in, I first thought it might be a puppy drum but turned out to be a 5 pound American eel. Tasty treat for some!

Hope to get out again, especially for sea bass season.



# Salt Water News

## Sunrise Fishing:

Fished 5AM May 16<sup>th</sup> with [Louis Glaser](#) at Little Creek. We were working topwater lures looking for striped bass since Spring season is open till 6/15. As dawn began after trying several places in the main channel we started to cast chug bugs that splash a lot and what do you know I started to get boils from missed fish hits. Two casts later I hooked up with my first striper in 2022. It was too short to keep maybe 17-18 inches but it gave me a great fight. Louis then switched to a chug bug and he hooked one about the same size. On another cast he got a huge boil indicating a much bigger fish but unfortunately that was the last one. The sun had come up too far despite switching to other lures and trying other places. Nevertheless we got what we were looking for and now know the stripers are there.

Blessings,  
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# Surf Fishing News

## Quick Spanish Blitz 5/6/22

After catching a few Spanish in ocracoke the week prior, I was able to sneak down to hatteras on a nice day just before the NE blow. Water was calm and the winds were light. Clean water was pushing tight to the point in hatteras and that provided prime opportunity for some Spanish fishing. I spent a few short hours out there and was rewarded well for my time.

I caught Spanish, Blues, Sea Mullet, Sharks, and a 6+ foot wide Butterfly Ray! My largest Spanish of the day was a fat 26.5" that put up a great fight. I lost one nice blue in the break that was 20+ Inches and saw many others that size. There's plenty of quality fish out there and it should get better add the summer draws close.

Fishing was incredible but I was plagued with numerous problems today. The worse by far was a complete explosion of my St Croix Mojo Surf Rod into 4 pieces. This is an extremely reliable rod and I've never heard or seen an issue like it before. When I've broken rods in the past, it tends to break nearer to the tip while loading for the cast. But when I loaded this rod to cast a 3 oz metal, it exploded like a shotgun going off. This rod is the newest in my arsenal and I'm going to have to work with St Croix to figure out what went wrong and how to replace it.

Looking forward to the summer surf season. I'm definitely geared up and ready for what's in store!

Can't Catch Fish On The Couch!



# Surf Fishing News

5/14/2022

Eight talented friends and VBAC members got together this evening for some fishing and fun! We headed down to sandbridge together looking for a Roundhead or drum bite. The Roundhead were good size with numerous fish pushing the 13-15" range. There were some nice bluefish mixed in that were about 16" each. I had a lot more bluefish bites than Roundhead bites even though I had fresh sand fleas positioned nicely in the feeding zone. We didn't get that elusive drum though.

The water was much clearer than expected and the high tide help keep the large swells from dominating the surf. We fished from about 5-8pm until the rain showers got heavier and started to push us off the beach. Looks like fishing is going to be great this week for our Virginia Beach anglers club surf tournament on Saturday May 21st!

Alex got some nice catches today including a double-header 13" Roundhead! Wesley Waters and I tied for the largest Roundhead at 15". Patty was the last to arrive and the first to leave but probably caught more fish than anyone (as is usual). I also caught a puffer that was eager to show his true size! Lee managed a nice blue and a couple good Roundhead while using a puppy drum rig. Lots of great fishing out there. Looking forward to fishing with you all again!  
Kelly Hoggard



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# Surf Fishing News



# Surf Fishing News

Sunrise Citation 5/21/22

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> was the first of our three scheduled Intraclubs for 2022. Since I need to judge and perform other functions of the tournament, I felt that the only fishing I could get in was before or after the tournament. I met up with a couple of our competing anglers at 4:30 in the morning to fish the sunrise bite. It was a little slow at first but the big roundhead came out to play! I managed 4 fish on Saturday that were 15+ inches with one solid citation that was 1 lb 10 oz and 16.5 inches. I'll be releasing nearly all of these fish this summer except for a few that push that 2+ pound mark. I also missed two very nice bites including one that was likely a big puppy drum (I hope). I'm currently chasing that state record and hope to get enough opportunities to go after it this summer. I'll be doing a ton of surf fishing in Sandbridge for 2022.

If you're ever looking to go and do some surf fishing in Sandbridge, I'm happy to have you along. Be sure to reach out to me so I know you're interested. I try to invite as many people as possible but I frequently fish from 4-8 am and it's not friendly hours for most anglers unless you're as addicted as I am.

Can't Catch Fish On The Couch!



# Fresh Water News

Lake Prince with Russell 5/5/22:

Fish with Russell in his johnboat on Lake Prince when the wind on the bay was howling. Targets were shellcrackers and catfish. The lake was beautiful with little wind and cloudy. Well, the shellcrackers were only presenting as babies but at least the catfish showed. I hooked up a 4lb flathead on an ultralight rod that was baited with red wigglers. Then Russell hooked up a 6lb flathead on a shiner that ran all over before we could net it. The final hook up was with a 2lb flathead on a shiner. We concentrated on the eastern end of the lake rather than our usual haunts on the west side. But even we tried the western side no luck on the shellcrackers. Still those cat gave me some nice fillets for dinner.

Blessings,  
Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower



# Fresh Water News

## Catfishing a Nor'Easter

We had a heavy storm coming in for a day with a lot of rain expected. I managed to get out on the water in the morning and found a couple impressive catfish and caught my first Hickory Shad on hook and line. The larger catfish was about 32" and 13 pounds. I caught it on a tiny piece of one of the Shad's I cut on the "last cast". As the rain and wind was rolling in, I threw out the last of my fresh bait and took a load of stuff to the truck. Shortly after I returned to gather up all the fishing gear, I came tight to the second largest catfish I've landed in 2022. I don't think I'll be doing any more catfishing this year until maybe December. The surf fishing will heat up soon and looking forward to Ocracoke in a week!



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## Bluegill Three Ways



By Gerald Almy

Photos by Gerald Almy

The ultralight rod bucked wildly as an unseen quarry surged through the weed-filled water in powerful runs.

When I looked towards the back of the boat, both my angling companions were busy fighting and landing their own finned adversaries. Before the day would end, we would battle over 100 fish.

Trout? Largemouth bass? Catfish?

No, our quarry that day on a pond in central Virginia was the humble [bluegill](#)—the most popular gamefish in America and a favorite of many Old Dominion anglers.

For sheer fishing fun and fast action on the water, it's hard to top an outing for bluegills. For this article, let's also throw in the closely related redear (shellcracker) and pumpkinseed. These sunfish can be found in ponds and lakes, rivers and streams throughout Virginia. They are also fairly easy to catch, keeping newcomers to the sport's interest up and making them great target fish for family outings or introducing a novice to fishing. One of the most appealing traits of bluegills is they are a great quarry for all three major angling methods—live bait fishing, casting lures, and fly fishing.

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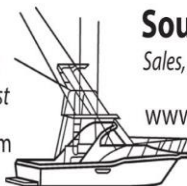
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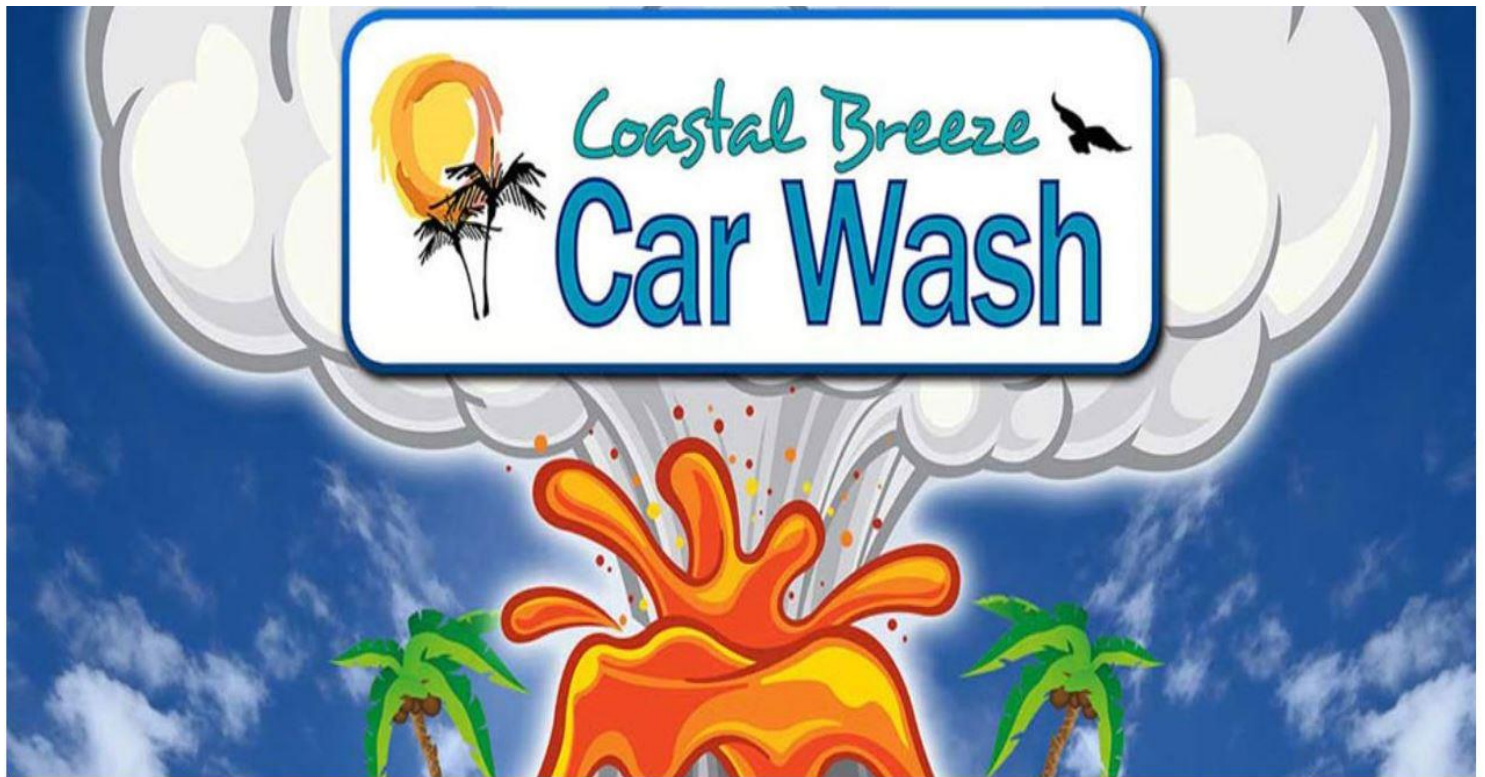


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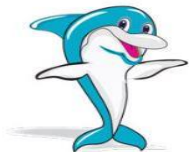
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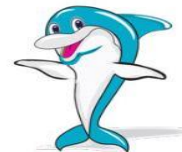
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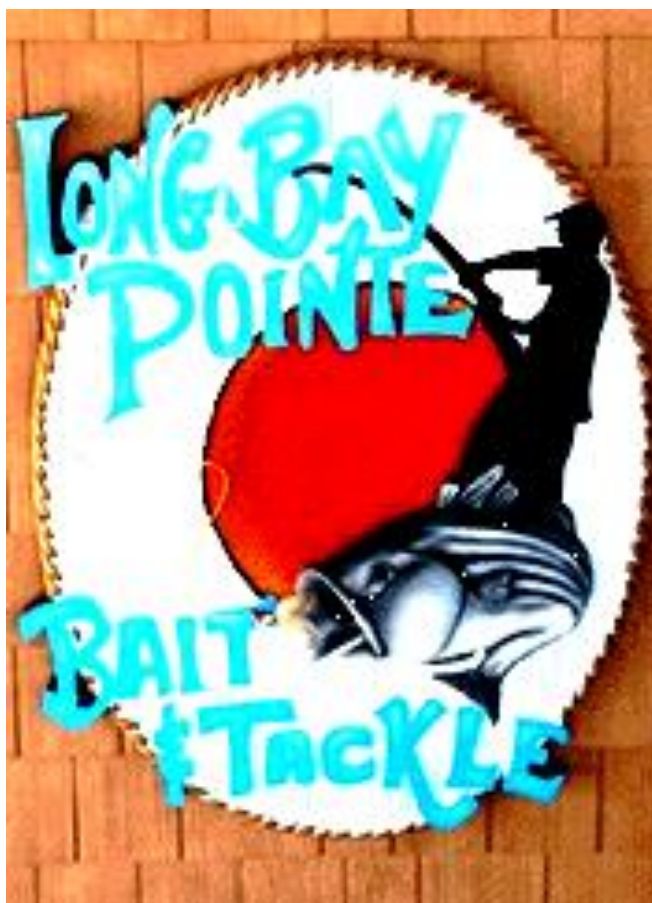
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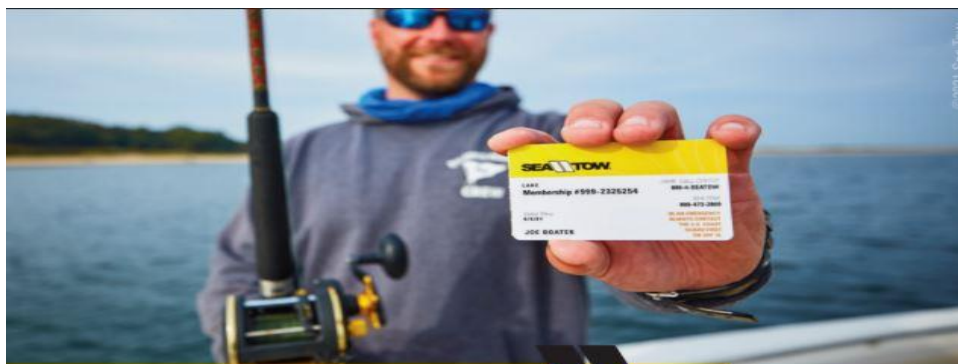
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