



May 2022

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## *Tight Line*

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# The President's Corner

Well the weather is heating up and so is the fishing. We had a nice turnout for our spring fish fry, great job Kelly and Lou on the fish and Michelle on the Bloody Mary's. Hunt for Hard heads is coming up quickly, this is a fun and easy tournament with no pressure. If you haven't signed up, drop us an email and we will get you on the list. Stay tuned lots going on in the next couple of months.

As always wishing you fair winds, following seas and tight lines!

Chris

## Upcoming Events

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**When: Thursday May 5, 2022 at 7:30 P M**

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

**Speakers: To be determined.**

**Subject: To be determined.**

**5/5 – Drawing for the June 4 TEASN Charter Fishing Trip for 6 lucky anglers! Prospective anglers should enter their name **before the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting via email.** See page 10 for details!**

**5/7 - 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.**

**5/14 – Hard Heads Club Challenge. Free for members. See page 8.**

**5/19 – Board Meeting.**

**5/21 – Intra Club Surf Fishing Qualifier – Sandbridge. Contact Kelly Hoggard 757-416-8817 or email at [fishnkelly@msn.com](mailto:fishnkelly@msn.com) with any questions.**

**5/28 – 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		

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### CREW

Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

Victor Minak (703) 888-8992

*Add your name to either list by sending an  
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## 2022 PLANNING CALENDAR

( 1.01.22)

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

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**Dear members and friends, we wish to inform you of a **change to our email address**. We have been able to revert to our original email address. Please note the new (and old) email address is;**

**[VBANGLERSCLUB@gmail.com](mailto:VBANGLERSCLUB@gmail.com)**

**Thank you for your patience during this time of re-organization.**

# 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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# Hunt for Hardheads!

**"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!

**Our club pays the entry fee for all  
participating VBAC anglers!**



# Crab Creek Cleanup - April



**Thanks to our intrepid volunteers for  
giving up a small part of your  
weekend to help beautify  
Crab Creek!**

# TUNA Anybody?

## VBAC SPONSORED ALL DAY CHARTER

Mark your calendar for **June 4<sup>th</sup>** if you want to secure a spot on Captain Joe Guffy's 32 foot Contender, the **TEASN!**

VBAC is sponsoring this trip for 6 lucky anglers. The club will cover \$600.00 of the \$1,300.00 trip, and the 6 anglers will split the remaining cost, plus tip for a total of \$160.00 per person. Captain Joe is a skilled fisherman and he has never failed to put us on the fish.

Reply by e-mail to either Pat Searby at [psearby@gmail.com](mailto:psearby@gmail.com) or through the club email at [vbangersclub@gamail.com](mailto:vbangersclub@gamail.com) if you want to be included in the drawing of 6 names at the **May 5<sup>th</sup>** general membership meeting. **Be prepared to pay \$160.00** that night if your name is drawn.

The trip will leave out of Rudee at 4:30 am for a relaxed, comfortable ride on supplied bean bag seats. Heading 70 miles off shore, you will start the day fishing for Tuna, and finish the trip fishing for Tile and Sea Bass before returning to Rudee around 6:00pm.

All your fishing related needs are supplied. You are welcome to bring your own gear if desired.

**Please note the change in date from the original trip on the club calendar.**



Our 2020 trip was a tremendous success. The VBAC crew came home with a limit of Bluelines, some Sea Bass, and a Grouper! Pictured to the right is our lucky anglers from the last VBAC Sponsored Boat Fishing Trip aboard the Teas'n with Captain Guffey.





# Our April Fish Fry





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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	Albemarle Sound

### 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

Vacation in Florida 2022:

4/5/22

Kathy and I really enjoyed our time last year in Crystal River Florida at the Plantation but we really didn't get time to look around the area so we decided to go back this year. Crystal River is the home of the manatees with spring fed rivers and hundreds of mangrove islands with crystal clear water that snook love so they were my target species with secondary target of red drum and spotted seatrout (specks). I booked two half day trips with Capt. Glen Touchton whom I fished with last year when he put me on my first snook. On that trip my PB was a 29 incher, actually the first one I had ever hooked. You can only keep snook in Florida between 28-32 inches, one per day. The weather had been really bad the week before and it was still very windy this morning. Water level was really low giving us only 18 inches to 2 foot around the mangroves. With the high winds it made really hard to catch threadfin herring for live bait using sabicki rigs but he managed to get us two dozen from the gulf.

At the mangroves the low water and high winds made it necessary to position with wind to our backs. On the first cast I had a solid snook on that measured out at 29.5 inches, my personal best and a guaranteed meal to be cooked for dinner at The Plantation at Crystal River (like we did last year). He fought like they usually do, airing several times and repeatedly trying to hide in the mangroves. We kept at this place and I promptly hooked up 4 more all slot fish but none bigger than my first caught. I actually lost the biggest one actually that jumped right at the boat and threw the hook. My guide said he was probably over slot 32+ inches. When the school moved on we decided to look for trout or reds but despite working several islands we just didn't find any. The winds by this time were running 18-25 mph so we headed in.

4/8/22:

Despite hoping for the weather to cooperate it decided to stay the same with W winds 15-20 which again created low water. We even left the Plantation at 6AM before daybreak to avoid the wind predicted later but no such luck. This time Capt. Glen decided we'd use pinfish which he had in several traps he'd set previously in the Gulf. We had 30+ in no time then headed for the mangrove islands again. Low water was worse even when the prediction was for full high tide. But we persisted using the pinfish and rubber baits as well. Fishing live bait in the flats of Florida amounts to casting the baitfish close to the mangroves after quietly approaching the island with the electric trolling motor in about 12-18 inches of water. You can see the baitfish and you just have to keep the line as tight as possible without pulling or directing the bait. After about 2 hours fishing I noted my pinfish as was heading steadily towards me and right behind him was a huge fish. My guide said he thought it might be a shark but as soon as he grabbed my bait he took off on a long run, typical of big red drum. Thank goodness Captain Glen had bought brand new Shimano Stradic 4000 reels and matched them with 7'6" Star rods medium power, fast action. Because this red pushed that drag to the limit and with only 10 pound braid as a main line I was not going to try to horse it in like I would here at home with 50 lb braid and a medium heavy rod. But thank goodness that drag was as smooth as any reel I've ever used. After running back and forth and around the boat a few times he decided to try to go into the mangroves but I managed to angle him away from them. As he seemed to tire out and I got him closer to the boat Capt. Glen tried to net him. Each time he got close to the net he pulled away. But finally I got him head straight for the net but as his head went in he lunged and tore right through the net and took off on another run. So now I had a running over slot red drum with a net hanging on the braid as I again carefully attempted to ease him back to the boat. With no back up net lipping him with bota grips was the only solution. And amazingly Capt. Glen was able to do this in no time. I was by this time exhausted and could hardly hold that fish for pictures. He measured 35 inches and weighed 20 pounds on the bota grips.

After that fish we kept at that place and I soon hooked a snook. He provided a good fight but not as hard as that red. But this time we could only get it in the boat with bota grips so I had to fight him until we were sure he was tired and stopped tailing in the shallow water. This snook was 28.5 inches a slot fish and dinner for another day. The bite seemed to die so we worked several more islands to no avail. But I really felt lucky to have both of my targets done so in we went. Overall, not as many fish caught as last year but still my targets were caught and the whole trip otherwise went without a hitch.

Blessings,

Ike Eisenhower

Pictures on following page.

# Salt Water News





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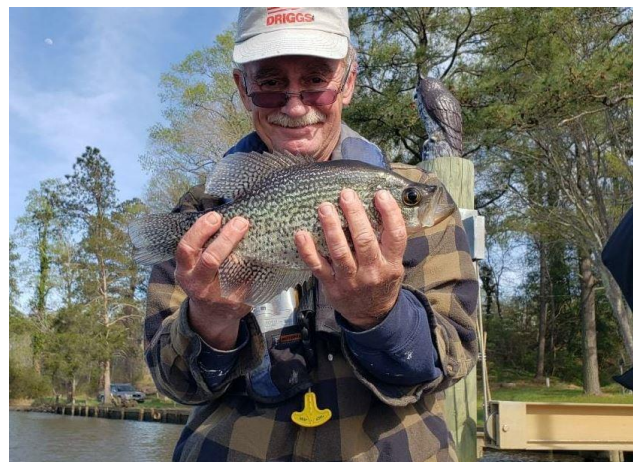
**From Jerry Hughes;  
“Went for puppy drum. Nada. 5 specs.  
Elizabeth River”**





# Fresh Water News

**Alan Hunter has been at it again. Here are pictures of some of his catches in April.**





# Fresh Water News



## Update on the Upper James River's Smallmouth Populations

DWR biologists answer some questions about the smallmouth bass fishery in the upper James River, including what anglers can do to help the population.



## Beaver Creek: Fish Local at an Overlooked Urban Trout Fishery

Located within the city limits of Bristol, Virginia, Beaver Creek is a spring-fed creek that provides some great #fishlocal opportunities.



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

Boat Show:	<b>Chair – Russell Willoughby</b>
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Crab Creek Clean-Up:	<b>Chair – Ronnie Nixon</b>
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**See What's New in the 2021 Fishing Regulations**

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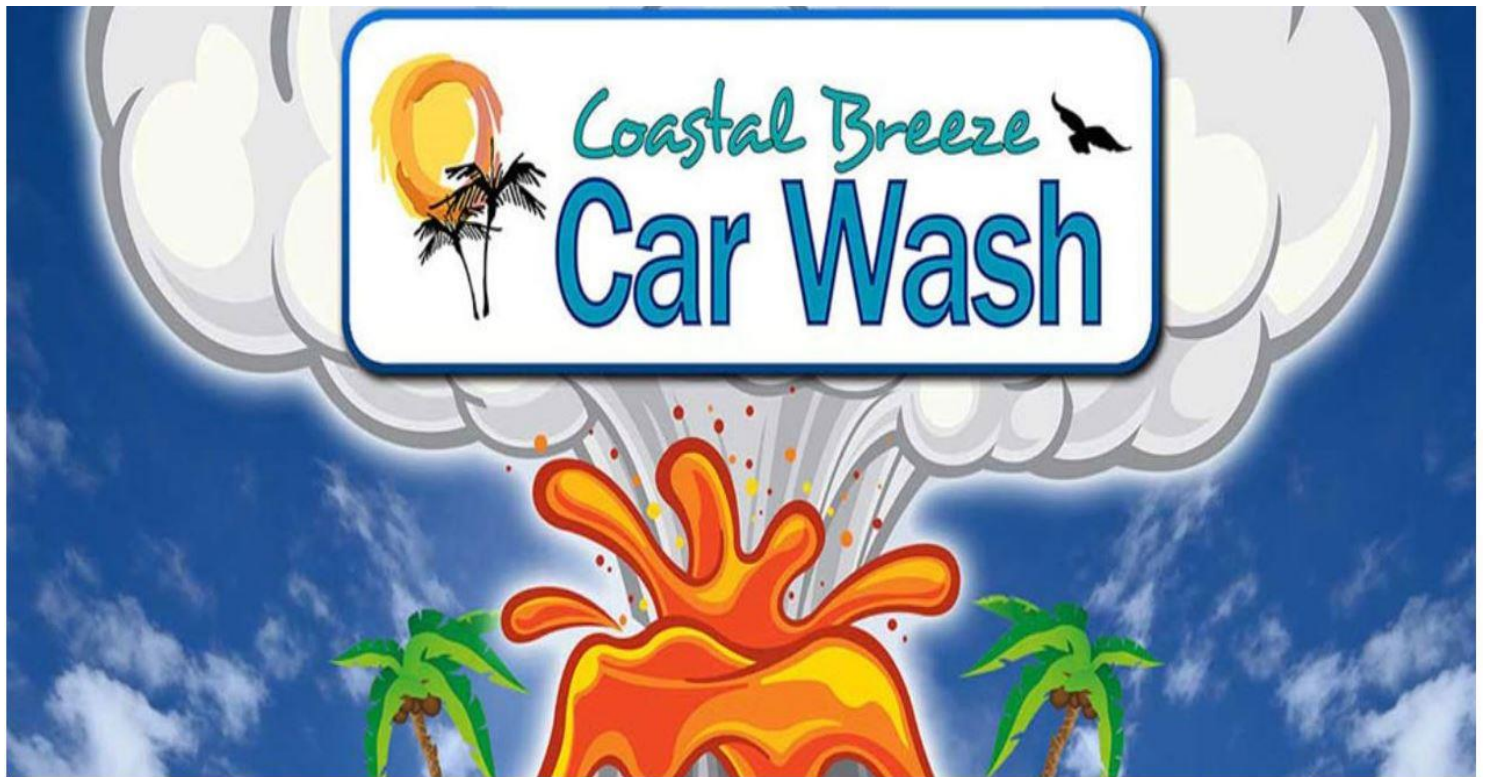


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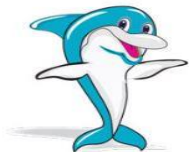
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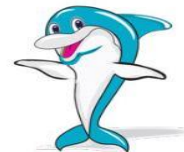
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#### Stage 2

High quality waxes are applied to your vehicle to provide a showroom quality shine.

#### Stage 3

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### EASY

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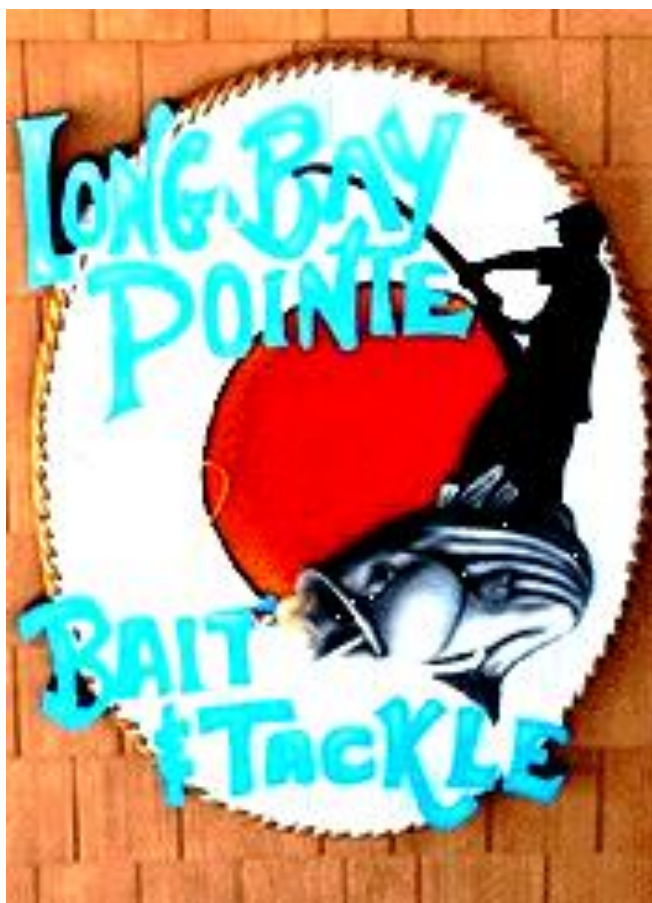
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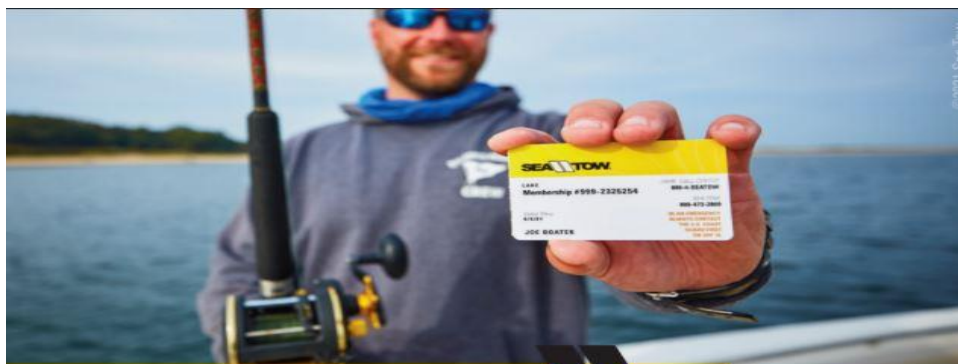
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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

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

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