



April 2023

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## Tight Line

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## Upcoming Events

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**When: Thursday April 6, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

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

**Speaker: Christian Seay of Seay Stories Sportfishing  
Subject: Springtime fishing for both red and black drum.  
C'mon in and hear how to catch these exciting sport fish.**

**4/8 – Crab Creek Cleanup. Volunteers needed. Lunch served.  
Meet at the Crab Creek parking lot at the foot of the Lynnhaven  
Bridge.**

**4/15 – Lead Pouring Party. Free to all members! Come, melt  
and pour lead into molds, enjoy the comradery of your fellow  
members, eat, and take home the lead weights you poured  
yourself! Call Mike Anderson for information at (757) 481-1296.**

**4/22 – Fish Fry. Held at the Brock Center. Free to members,  
guests are \$10.00. Everyone is asked to bring a side or desert  
to share. Plenty to eat and great company! Page 10.**

**4/29 – Oceans East Recruiting Table. Volunteers needed! Call  
Bob Burstein to volunteer, (267) 994-7423.**

**5/13 – Hunt for Hardheads Tournament. Our club competes  
against all area fishing clubs. We need participating anglers  
and boats. Details at the April meeting.**

# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2023

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Speckled Trout	Dave Smith	6 lb.
Spanish Mackerel		
Yellow Perch		
Blue Catfish		
Chain Pickerel		

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.

# The President's Corner

## The Time Is Upon Us!

The year has gotten off to a great start and the remainder of our club calendar shows no sign of slowing down. From monthly meetings, surf tournaments and numerous other club sanctioned events we are a busy active club. Besides for scanning your monthly calendar to see what you would like to do with fellow members it also a good time to see where you can volunteer and help with any event. It is probably also a good time if you have not done so yet to brush up on fishing regulations. Make sure all of your equipment is in proper order and all maintenance is done. There is nothing worse than getting to the ramp and finding out you have a dead battery or not even making because your trailer bearings needed grease. After the way we ended the 2022 season and the mild winter we had I see this coming season being nothing less than a better year. Be safe out there, have fun and remember to practice safe and ethical fishing harvests.

'Til Next Tide!

Mark

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

## 2023 PLANNING CALENDAR

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	OCRACOKE 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 QUALIFER – 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
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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# Prize Fish Leaders

## 2023 Prize Fish Leaders for March

### Freshwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Black Crappie (10)	Ike Eisenhower	2/14/23	1 lb. 4 oz.	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel	Preston Mangum	3/28/23	1 lb. 5 oz.	Speight Run Reservoir

### Freshwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Black Crappie (10)	Russell Willoughby	2/8/23	15 in.	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel (2)	Russell Willoughby	1/11/23	25 in	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby	2/22/23	17 in	Lake Smith
Channel Catfish	Alex Ramos	1/22/23	22 in	Albermarle Sound

### Saltwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout (4)	David Smith	1/24/23	6 lb.	Rudee Inlet

### Saltwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Speckled Trout (4)	Ike Eisenhower	1/6/23	22 in	Elizabeth River

### Roulette Leaders

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout	David Smith	1/24/23	6 lb.	Rudee Inlet
Chain Pickerel	Preston Mangum	3/28/23	1 lb. 5 oz.	Speight Run Reservoir



## **VBAC SPONSORED ALL DAY CHARTER**



Ocean Pearl Charters  
2109 West Great Neck Rd.  
Suite 100  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451

The **VBAC** sponsored Fishing Charter has been rescheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> . Please let Patty Searby (757) 705-4191 know if you want to put your name in for the drawing. Six lucky winners will secure a seat on Captain Steve Wray's Ocean Pearl. Captain Steve is a skilled captain who can put you on the fish.

The club will cover \$250.00 of the \$800.00 trip, and the 6 anglers will split the remaining cost, for a total of \$120.00 per person. This amount includes tip.

A drawing for 6 lucky club members will occur at the May 4<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting. Be prepared to pay \$120.00 that night if your name is drawn.

The trip will depart from Long Pointe Bay Marina at 7am and return at 3pm. You will be fishing Cobia and Spanish Mackerel.

All of your fishing related gear will be supplied.

# **VBAC ANNUAL FISH FRY**

**APRIL 22, 2023**

**12:00 - 3:00**



***Brock Environmental Center.***

**3663 Marlin Bay Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23455.**

**FREE TO ALL MEMBERS / \$10.00 PER GUEST**

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT**

VBAC will provide fried fish, hush puppies, hotdogs, coleslaw, and water/sodas. There will be a winner's choice raffle for either a 50/50 cash prize or a Bloody Mary basket.

For questions regarding the event or to volunteer, please contact by email:

[vbangersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbangersclub@gmail.com)

**PLEASE RSVP WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AND GUESTS!!**

# **Embroidered Items**

## **Last Chance!**

**Please bring in any items you would like to have monogrammed to the April meeting and give to Pat Searby.**

**The cost is \$16.00 per item & must be paid when presenting the garment.**

**This is a great opportunity to get your shirts and jackets personalized!**

# Our 2023 Crappie Tournament

**Our 2023 Lake Smith Crappie Tournament was well attended. There were 16 adults and 5 anglers under 16 years old. Nine fish were submitted by both boat and shore fisherman.**

**The First Prize \$210.00 and was awarded to Wesley Waters for a 14  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Crappie!**

**Second Prize of \$105.00 was won by Russell Willoughby for his 13  $\frac{3}{4}$ " Crappie!**

**The Shore Prize was won by Krystal Hess and she took home a \$100+ spinning rod & reel!**



# The Boating Safety Course

The Boater's Safety Course was attended by 28 people. Thanks to the instructor, Richard Mayes, who volunteered to instruct the class! The hot dogs were enjoyed by all!



# MARK WRAY MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT



Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>  
Hatteras Island NC  
Youth and Adult Divisions

*Hooked on Hope* VB 

**BENEFIT RAFFLE**



# Mark Wray Memorial Tournament Rules and Information

**Date:** Saturday, June 10, 2023

**Fishing Time:** 5:00am to 5:00pm

**Measure In:** 5:00pm to 6:00pm

**Awards Banquet and Raffle:** 6:00pm

**Tournament Headquarters:** Frisco Woods Campground

- Open to VBAC Members, Family, and Invited Guests.
- This is a LENGTH ONLY Tournament.
- All fish must meet state regulation size minimums to qualify.
- The winning fish must be brought to the weighmaster during Measure-In time. Fish not brought to the Measure-In will not qualify for a prize (except for the drum division).
- Anglers may submit a clear, sideview picture of their drum on a flat measure device as entry.
- Anglers can compete for and win more than one division.
- Prizes not awarded will be raffled amongst eligible anglers.
- Anglers are responsible for their own travel, fishing equipment, bait, ice and related expenses. Anglers should also have any appropriate licenses and permits required while fishing on the island.

## **Tournament Divisions:**

- 1- Roundhead/Pompano
- 2- Spanish/Bluefish
- 3- Red Drum/Black Drum
- 4- Bonita/Bonito/Cobia/Croaker/Grey Trout/Sheepshead/Speckled Trout/Spot
- 5- Youth – Any qualifying fish in the above categories

## **Tournament Boundaries:**

- Anglers are allowed to fish from Oregon Inlet to Hatteras Inlet.
- Fishing is allowed on all oceanside beaches and soundside shoreline ONLY.
- No fishing from piers, docks, bridges, jetties, kayaks, or boats.

North Carolina fishing regulations are available here: [NC FISHING REGS](#)

Please direct all inquiries to the Tournament Chair: Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

# Catfish Tournament Summary

## VBAC Spring Catfish Tournament Summary

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club held our 2023 Spring Catfish Tournament in Edenton, NC on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The 25<sup>th</sup> was forecast to be rainy and windy so the event was pushed back by a day.

We had about 20 anglers come out to enjoy great food and fellowship. Anglers started lining the beach before noon and were ready to fish. Most anglers were already on site and their lines went in the water when the clock struck 12. It was a slow fishing afternoon and no lines came back with fish for a long.. long.. time.

In the meantime, anglers enjoyed an unlimited spread of food. We had pulled pork bbq sandwiches, venison/bear chili and other snacks to keep your fingers occupied for lunch. The fire pit was lit later in the afternoon to keep some of our fair-weather anglers warm during the cool winter day.

I don't think there was a single bite until 6 pm as the tournament clock was winding down. There were 4 bites in the last 30 minutes but the only fish beached before the buzzer was by Kelly. Instead of expressive cheers, he was greeted by grumbles and boo's. He rigged his own catfish tournament! The 26" cat weighed 6 lb 6 oz.

Anglers later descended on the house and ate a fried catfish dinner with all the sides and fixings you'd ever like. Wesley provided some mac and cheese and Stephanie produced some amazing fresh chopped cole slaw. Absolutely NOBODY went home hungry!

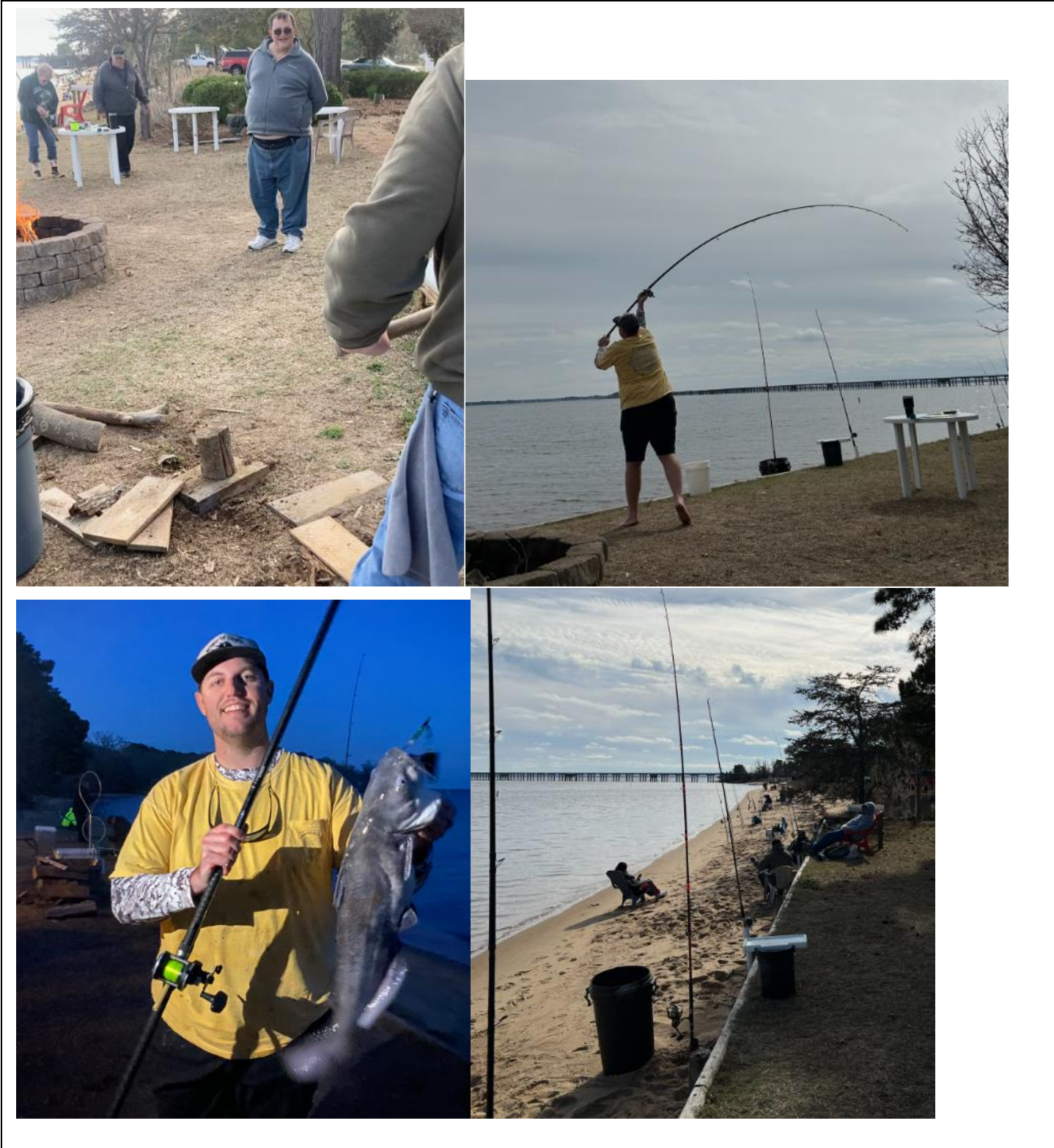
We all had a great time and look forward to doing another tournament together soon. It will likely be in the fall when other fish like trout, drum, and perch are plentiful. Thanks to all those who participated.

A special thank you goes out to John Germanos and Stephanie Easterling. They were gracious hosts and we appreciate them opening their home to the club.





# Catfish Tournament Summary



# Saltwater News

## Catfish and White Perch Massacre; At Night

**March 18, 2023**

I went down to Edenton to spend the day with John and Stephanie. We did some work around the house and on the boat. The catfish were certainly hungry but I notice that the larger fish don't appear to be as active. I believe they are bedding and preparing to spawn. Lots of smaller cats in the 20-24" range seem to be dominating lately. We were also catching a lot of white perch and the bite seemed to be best at night. I have not encountered white perch this active at night before. I took a mess of white perch and catfish home that was put away for later. The catfish have been full of clams lately. Some having hundreds of baby clams in their digestive tracks.



# Surf Fishing News

## Sharkin' and Catfishin' with Wesley

**March 26, 2023**

Wesley and I made the early morning drive to Hatteras on Sunday morning. We stopped at my normal spring time shark beach. I was hoping for some good shark fishing and that is exactly what we found. In 1 minute and 42 seconds, my first drum rig was hammered hard by a large sandbar. I tried to break it off but was not successful. We spent nearly 20 minutes fighting the shark on puppy drum gear and eventually beached it. It was measured at 70.5" and was my first shark of the season. We encountered a ton of shark bites on the day. Wesley caught a 76.5" sandbar just as the rain and storms were moving in on us. We packed up and got off the beach just in time!

After dodging a few storms, we found our way to Edenton. The ground was soaked from hours of rain but the fish were already wet. We sent out some catfish lines and caught about 10 catfish in 5 hours. It was a lot of fun to relax and enjoy the fire pit with some good friends. I managed one 26" catfish that was 9 lb 2 oz with a full belly of roe and an 18 shad stuffed in the belly. I did later find the tail sticking out of the throat. Proof that these creatures are vacuum cleaners and need to be removed from the all local waterways. We made the drive home and the 20 hour trip was a tremendous success. Looking forward to the spring shark bite in hatteras throughout the month of April!



# Surf Fishing News

## Ocracoke Island Invitational: May 4 & 5, 2023

### Team A:

Doug Wehner\*  
Victor Muron\*  
Russell Willoughby\*  
Micki Walsh  
Jerry Mariano  
John Stout

### Team B:

Kelly Hoggard\*  
Patty Searby\*  
Melanie Bayford\*  
Mark Boettcher  
Jerry Hughes  
Rick Hoggard

### Alternates:

Zac Thomas  
Jeff Ratliff

## Hatteras Village Civic Association: September 8 & 9, 2023

### Team A:

Kelly Hoggard\*  
Melanie Bayford\*  
Micki Walsh\*  
Russell Willoughby\*  
Rick Hoggard\*  
Jerry Hughes

### Team B:

Bill Searby\*  
Patty Searby^  
John Stout  
Mark Boettcher  
Victor Muron  
Zac Thomas

### Alternates:

Dave Vachet

## Long Beach Island World Series: September 23, 2023

### Team A:

Bill Searby\*  
Patty Searby\*  
Jerry Hughes

NEEDED

NEEDED

NEEDED

### Alternates:

NEEDED

**Nags Head Invitational: October 5 & 6, 2023**

**Team A:**

Doug Wehner\*  
Jerry Mariano\*  
John Stout\*  
Robbie Parks  
Zac Thomas  
Melanie Bayford

**Team B:**

Patty Searby\*  
Rick Hoggard\*  
Jerry Hughes  
Kelly Hoggard  
Victor Muron  
Jimmy Boatright

**Alternates:**

Micki Walsh  
Mark Boettcher

**Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational: November 2 & 3, 2023**

**Men's Team:**

Kelly Hoggard\*  
Doug Wehner\*  
Robbie Parks\*  
Wesley Waters^  
Russell Willoughby  
Dave Vachet

**Women's Team:**

Patty Searby\*  
Jenny Braithwaite\*  
Caroline Robinson\*  
Melanie Bayford  
Micki Walsh  
Mary K Resio

**Men's Alternates:**

Jimmy Boatright  
John Stout  
Mark Boettcher  
Bill Mannschreck  
Rick Hoggard  
Jerry Hughes

**Women's Alternates:**

Liz Nash  
Stephanie Easterling

**\*Returning Anglers for 2023**

**^Intra-Club Qualifier Pick for 2023**

**2023 Surf Team Dues:** The month after selection, members are responsible for a down payment on participation and lodging. The down payment is \$80. The remaining payment in full is due soon after.

Ocracoke - \$281

Hatteras Village - \$278

Long Beach Island – \$179 (Estimated)

Nags Head - \$203

CHAC - \$274

# Freshwater News

**Went fishing with Russell Willoughby on Tuesday 3/27. Went to a new lake for both of us. It's a case, maybe, of "you shoulda been here last week". We'd heard the crappie and big bass were "jumpin' in the boat"! Well, not for us. It's a fairly small but pretty lake with some areas with fairly deep water but just a single bass, a number of small chain pickerel, and a lot of small shellcracker were all we could find. At least for now, I think we'll spend the time at other places and let someone else come and catch all the bass and crappie.**

Submitted by Preston Mangum



# Freshwater News



By Molly Kirk/DWR

Photos by Jacob Moore

Jacob Moore was quite surprised when he reeled in this largemouth bass from the James River. Moore was expecting to catch a largemouth—he was targeting them. But he definitely wasn't expecting to catch a golden largemouth!

“I was out there practicing for a tournament, catching a bunch of fish,” said Moore, who works as an arborist and participates in local tournaments. “I was on the lower James near Chippokes [State Park]. When I hooked into that one, I thought I had a saltwater fish on at first, but lo and behold, it was a largemouth! A very different largemouth, though. I haven't seen anything like that before. I've seen bass with black spots, but I'd never seen an albino one.”

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/blog/angler-catches-unique-golden-largemouth-bass/>



## 2022 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show:	<b>Chair – Russell Willoughby</b>
Calendar:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair – Ronnie Nixon</b>
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	<b>Chair – Ronnie Nixon</b>
Great Bridge Flea Market:	<b>Chair – Preston Mangum</b>
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	<b>Chair – Jerry Mariano</b>
Seton Youth:	<b>Chair – Dave Anderson</b>
Raffles:	<b>Chair – Preston Mangum</b>
Audit Committee:	<b>Chair – Mike Anderson</b>
Yeti Cooler Raffle	<b>Chair – Bob Burstein</b>
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Conservation and Regulations:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>
T-Shirt Committee:	<b>Chair – Patty Searby</b>

If You Would Like to Help on a Committee,  
Please Speak to the Chair. Help is Appreciated!





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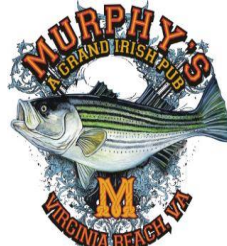


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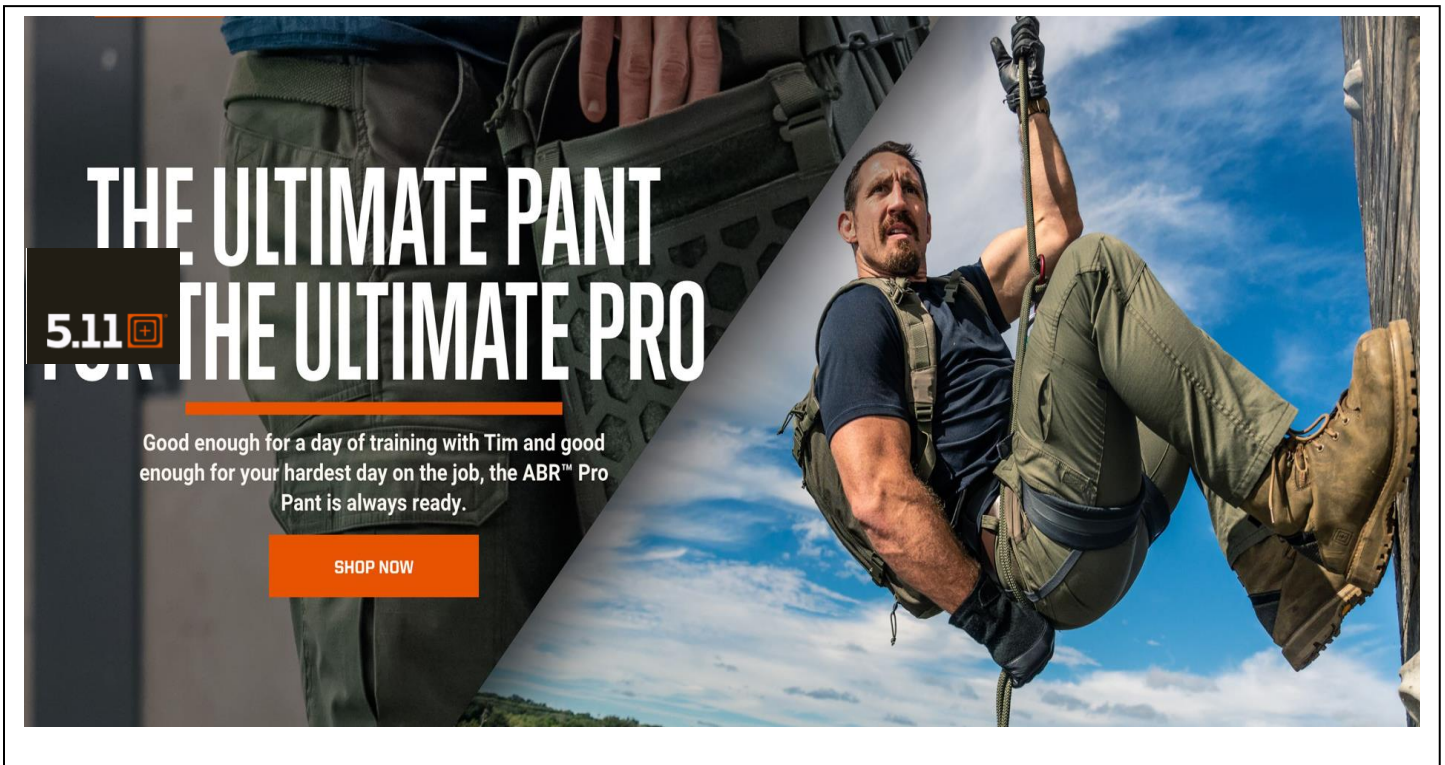
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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

## 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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