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VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday August 3, 2023 at 7:30 PM

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

**Speaker: Officer Brett Stone
VA Department of Wildlife Resources**

Subject: Conservation, enforcement, and related activities in VA waters.

Please come to hear a very interesting and entertaining overview of an industry and sport that all of us have some experience enjoying and utilizing from a very unique perspective.

8/3 – Fish & Wildlife Kids Surf Fishing Clinic. Two Volunteers are **urgently needed for Thursday morning. Please call Bob Burstein to join the other volunteers teaching the children basic fishing skills at (267) 994-7423.**

8/5 – Crab Creek Clean-up. Volunteers needed for a short time in the morning! A light lunch served afterward. Call Ronnie Nixon to volunteer (757) 536-6264.

8/17 – Fish & Wildlife Kids Surf Fishing Clinic. Two Volunteers are **urgently needed. Please call Bob Burstein to join the other volunteers teaching the children basic fishing skills at (267) 994-7423.**

8/17 – Board Meeting.

TBD – An Upcoming announcement regarding the future of the LBI surf tournament by Kelly Hoggard.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2023

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Speckled Trout	Dave Smith	6 lb.
Spanish Mackerel	Sue Smith	1 lb. 12 oz.
Yellow Perch		
Blue Catfish	Kelly Hoggard	14 lb. 15 oz.
Chain Pickerel	Preston Mangum	1 lb. 5 oz.

Roulette Submissions
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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

Mark was out of town at the time of newsletter publication. So..... here we go.

July was certainly hot and frequently too windy to do anything but something around the house. August is supposed to be some of the very best fishing of the year with easy access to flounder, trout, spot, drum, roundhead and all the usual bay bridge critters. It looks like we can expect to have heat but, hopefully, the wind will lay down often enough for everyone to get in some fishing!

Our club is going through a tough time trying to get club participation selling raffle tickets for the Yetti cooler. It's one the two large events that your club depends on for fulfilling our financial obligations and creating fun events and activities for you the members. The board is trying to understand what might be done by either discontinuing the big raffle altogether or changing it in some way to make the prize something else entirely. In the meantime, we still have to finish selling the current tickets for December's drawing. Please see Bob Burstein to get some tickets to sell and help your club at this time.

Mark Lozier told the board he recently heard from a member saying they had not renewed their membership at another club in favor of VBAC because of the warmth of our members and their willingness to share their knowledge, and friendly attitude as well as the quality of those things the club provides. So, THANKS to everyone as each of you continue to make our club better and our guests and fellow members welcome and appreciated!

Bob Burstein

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

2023 PLANNING CALENDAR

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
SEPTEMBER	2	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8-10	HATTERAS VILLAGE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	NEW 16	HUNT FOR HARD HEADS CLUB CHALLENGE
	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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A Huge Thank You

During June, one of our members requested the responsibility of putting together a surf tournament and organizing all the myriad details all on his own. He had never done anything like that before, he delegated where he needed to and took care of all the rest himself. And ladies and gentlemen, he was not only up to the task but did a really GREAT JOB!

Special Thanks
To
Wesley Waters
For Organizing
The VBAC Summer Intraclub
Surf Fishing Tournament

VBAC Summer Intraclub Surf Fishing Tournament

The Summer Intraclub Surf Fishing Tournament was held on July 15, 2023 at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. It was a sweltering day with a brief rain spell. We had fifteen anglers participate in the event, Anglers showed up around 7, but some happy fishers showed up at 5am to pre-fish. It was a slow day with only 3 fish caught, all of which were roundhead.

Congratulation to our winners: Ron Ramos, Zac Thomas, Jenny Braithwaite



*Pictures Submitted
by Micki Walsh*



Prize Fish Leaders

2023 Prize Fish Leaders for July

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
Blue Catfish	Alex Ramos	4/1/23	21 lb. 12oz.	Albermarle Sound

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	Kelly Hoggard	3/19/23	25 in.	Albermarle Sound
Bowfin	Kelly Hoggard	4/8/23	25 in.	Albermarle Sound

Saltwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout (4)	David Smith	1/24/23	6 lb.	Rudee Inlet
Spadefish	Michael Kreckel	6/9/23	8lb. 13 oz.	Chesapeake Light Tower
Cobia	Kelly Hoggard	5/16/23	65 lb.	Offshore Oregon Inlet
Blueline Tilefish	Rick Hoggard	5/16/23	12 lbs.	Oregon Inlet Canyon
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	5/14/23	2 lbs. 3 oz.	Ramp 55, NC
Amberjack	Chris Schneider	6/9/23	40 lbs.	Cape Hatteras, NC

Saltwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Speckled Trout	David Smith	4/16/23	22.5 in.	David Smith
Shark, Sandbar	Wesley Waters	3/26/23	76.5 in.	Cape Hatteras Point
Shark, Sand Tiger (2)	Kelly Hoggard	1/1/23	109 in.	Ramp 38, OBX, NC
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	1/1/23	12.5 in.	Ramp 38, OBX, NC
Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard	5/4/23	51 in.	Ramp 72, NC
Shark	Kelly Hoggard	4/16/23	76 in.	Ramp 45, NC
Red Snapper	Eric Whisman	6/9/23	32 in.	Cape Hatteras

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
Blue Catfish	Kelly Hoggard	1/29/23	14 lb. 15 oz.	Albermarle Sound
Spanish Mackerel	Susan Smith	6/25/23	1lb. 12 oz.	Sandbridge

Submitted 7/29/23

Saltwater News

Ocean Acidification and Coastal Fisheries

A Look into the Future

Over the past 200 years, our ocean waters have become 30% more acidic. This rate of change is 10 times faster than during the past 50 million years.

What is Ocean Acidification?

The ocean helps regulate Earth's climate, absorbing 30% of the carbon dioxide (CO₂) released when we drive our cars and power our homes. Beneath the surface, CO₂ reacts with water to form an acid, a process called Ocean Acidification (OA).



Some of the CO₂ combines with water to form carbonic acid. Excess hydrogen ions make the ocean more acidic.

How does Acidification impact our local finfish and shellfish?



Oysters and Hard Clams need minerals from the ocean to build strong, healthy shells. In more acidic waters, the minerals become scarce. Weaker shells are less resistant to predation and disease. Larval shells are smaller and more irregular under high CO₂ conditions.



Sharks Acidic waters can corrode the denticles in some species of sharks, making their skin more prone to infection and changing how they swim through the water.



Summer Flounder Fewer eggs survive to hatching in more acidic waters (high CO₂ conditions).



Atlantic Silversides An important baitfish in the Mid-Atlantic, their larval stages grow more slowly in more acidic waters (high CO₂ conditions).



OUTLOOK

Ocean Acidification, in combination with warming ocean waters and more frequent low oxygen conditions can impact the growth, reproduction, and survival of our local fish and shellfish. Together, these changing ocean conditions will likely make our local fish more vulnerable to acidification in the future.

What can You do to help?

- Talk about it! Teach your friends and family about acidification and how they can help.
- Get involved in a local water quality monitoring program or habitat restoration project.
- Use less fertilizer on your lawn to reduce nutrient runoff that can lead to acidification.
- Save Electricity: Switch to LED light bulbs or Energy Star appliances.



Scan here to learn more about OA, or visit MidAcan.org

Saltwater News

Lou Corigliano went fishing for Spanish Mackerel recently. With his wife as the captain, he had some pretty darn good luck!



Saltwater News

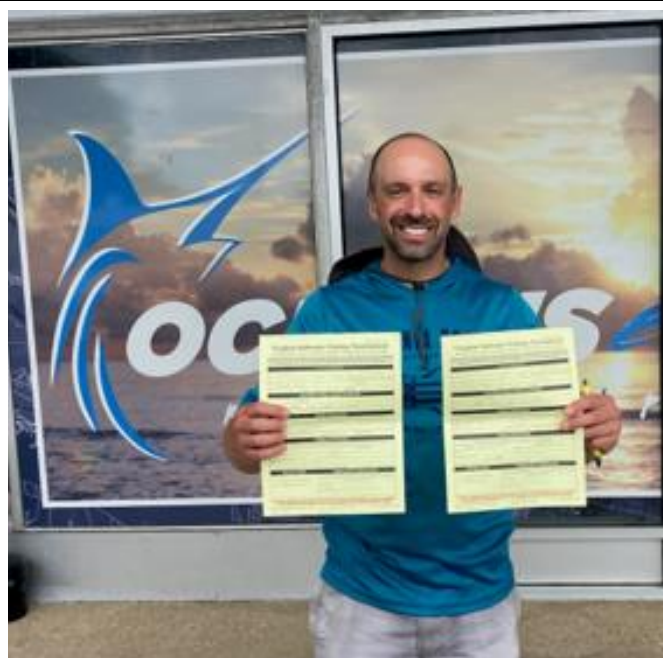
Submitted by *Michael Kreckel*

On Sunday July 9th I drove down to Sandbridge before dawn to surf fish with Kelly Hoggard. Just after daybreak we started catching some nice sized Roundheads. Kelly caught a nice keeper citation (16.5" at 1lb 12oz) and I snagged a release citation (16.25"). We caught quite a few more and just as I was getting ready to start casting for Spanish I got a quality hit on the surf rod. After some runs toward and away from the beach I brought in a citation Pompano (17.5" at 2lbs 6oz) which turned out to be an amazing dinner also. It was a very solid day out there with a lot of action including a fight with a Cownose Ray that eventually came off without loss of any tackle. I also learned alot from Kelly about surf fishing that I never considered before (reading the waves, understanding where the fish congregate and their feeding habits). Great day on the beach and prep for the Nags Head Tournament in October. Looking forward to the next time!

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Regards,

Michael Kreckel
(845)551-3659



Saltwater News



For Immediate Release
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Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament Celebrates 40 Years of Big Game Competition

Manteo, North Carolina
June 29, 2023

Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament is gearing up for another memorable event as top teams throughout the Mid-Atlantic compete in the fertile waters off North Carolina's Outer Banks. The latest edition will feature a purse topping the million-dollar mark, competitive entry categories and a charity raffle to benefit the local community.

Again this year the PCBT will offer split entries on all but the Base Category for tournament boats. Non Omni Directional Sonar boats can expect to pay approximately \$15,500 across the board with an additional \$1,000 to enter the charity Lay Day Tournament. Boats that plan on deploying an Omni Directional Sonar at any time during fishing hours will enter separate categories with additional fees totaling just over \$25,000 including the charity event.

"Our Omni/Non-Omni split registration is designed to level the playing field yet still allow boats that wish to use the technology the opportunity for additional payouts. The split option has been well received by the teams," says Tournament Director Heather Maxwell. The 34th Annual Alice Kelly Memorial Ladies Only Billfish Tournament, one of the largest lady angler only competitive sport-fishing event in the world, will not allow Omni Directional Sonar to be deployed during the event. The ladies event precedes the PCBT.

"Oregon Inlet is finally perfect," Maxwell adds. "The channel is fully dredged and in great shape and there are no height clearance issues for the larger tower boats. We also have four Yeti Ice Tanks filled with fishing and hunting trips and other great prizes that we'll be raffling off to benefit our local charities."

The Alice Kelly Memorial allows pre-registration on Friday, 8/11, at the Pavilion at the Pirate's Cove Marina. Regular registration is Saturday, 8/12, followed by the festive kick-off party, with fishing on Sunday, August 13th. The Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament starts on Monday, August 14th, with fishing slated for August 15-18, 2023. Advance registration for both tournaments is available on-line at www.pcbgt.com

To book a slip at the Pirate's Cove Marina, call 252-473-3906. For condominiums rentals on-site, please call Pirate's Cove Realty at 252-473-6800. Golf cart reservations can be made by calling Maxwell at 252-305-3610.

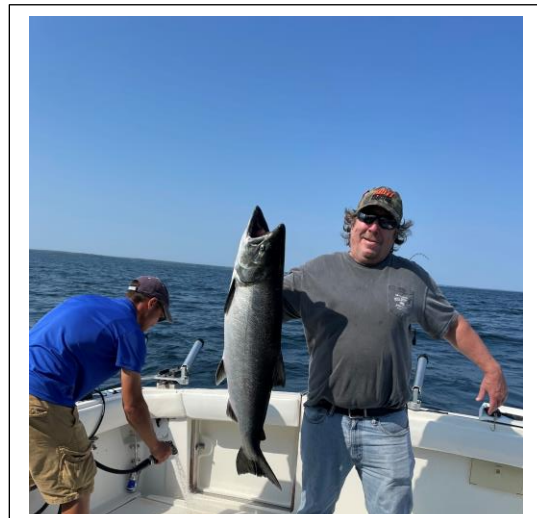
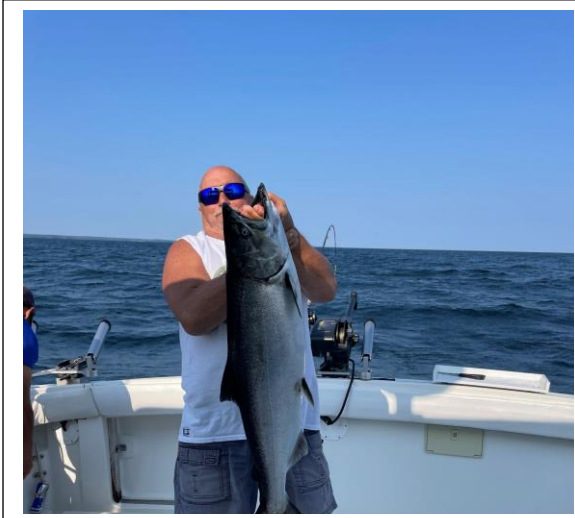
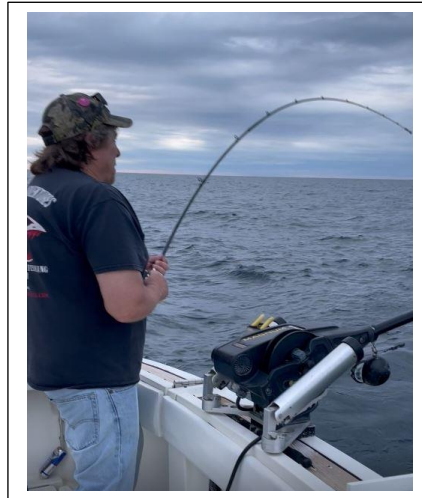
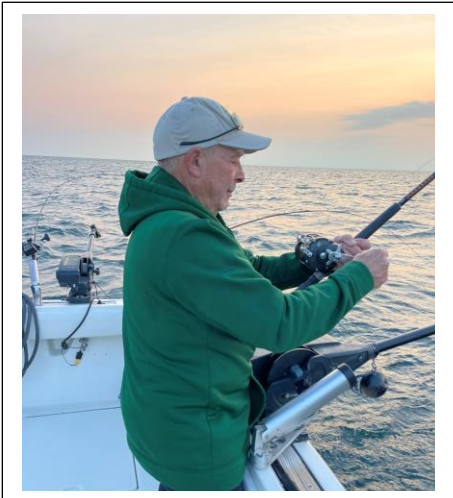
Pirate's Cove Billfish Tournament, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that accepts grant applications for local charitable distributions which topped \$80,000 in 2021. The Alice Kelly Memorial Ladies Only Billfish Tournament raises upwards of \$50,000 annually for local cancer patients and the Annual Sheep Dog Veterans Challenge raises awareness and much needed funds for vets and first responders in Dare County and beyond. Tournament Week kicks off on August 13, 2022. For more information contact PCBT at 252-305-3610 or visit www.pcbgt.com

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Fresh Water News

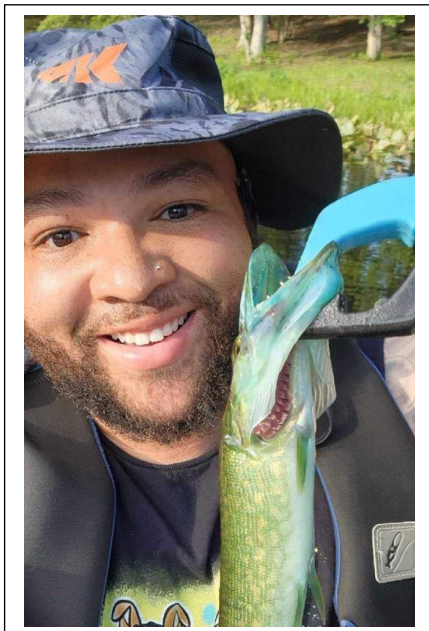
Submitted by *Jerry Mariano*

Jerry and friends recently made their annual trip to Lake Ontario for a little Salmon fishing. The pictures are shown below.



Fresh Water News

Angler Lands Rare Blue-Mouth Chain Pickerel



One Caroline County angler couldn't quite believe his eyes when he reeled in a chain pickerel (*Esox niger*) recently. As the fish emerged from the water, John Byrd realized its mouth was a shade of vibrant blue. "I'd never seen one that color! And I've been fishing in that pond for more than 20 years!" Byrd, of Bowling Green, Virginia, said.

2022 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show:	Chair – Russell Willoughby
Calendar:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair – Ronnie Nixon
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	Chair – Ronnie Nixon
Great Bridge Flea Market:	Chair – Preston Mangum
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	Chair – Jerry Mariano
Seton Youth:	Chair – Dave Anderson
Raffles:	Chair – Preston Mangum
Audit Committee:	Chair – Mike Anderson
Yeti Cooler Raffle	Chair – Bob Burstein
Surf Tournaments:	Chair – Kelly Hoggard
Club Tournaments:	Chair – George Gabriel Co. Chair – Bob Burstein
Prize Fish:	Chair – Ike Eisenhower
Nomination Committee:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard
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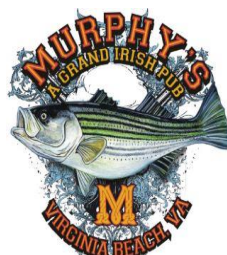
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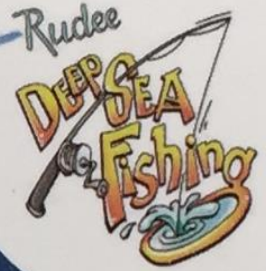


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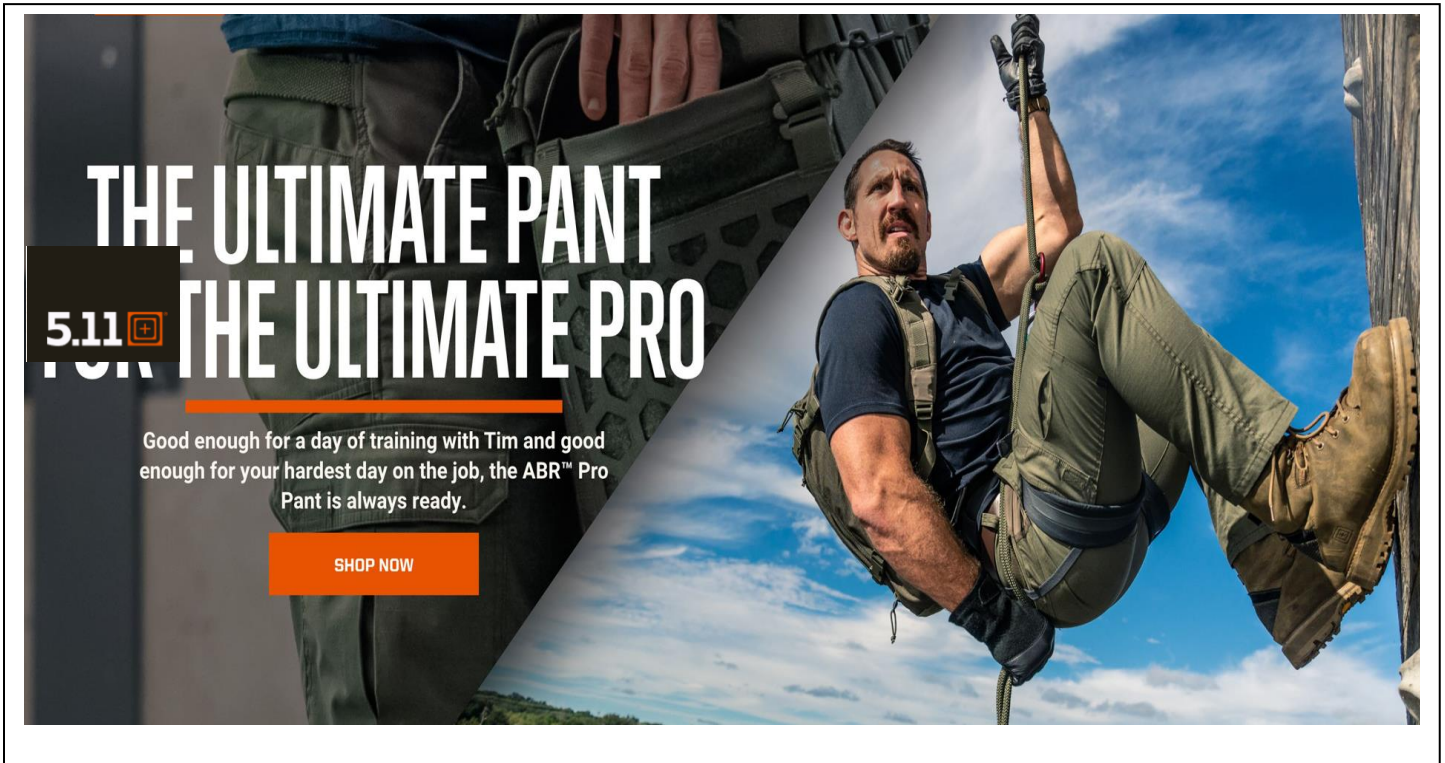
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Our Objectives:

- ❖ 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.

2023 VBAC Elected Officials

Officers:

President: Mark Lozier

First Vice President: Bob Burstein

Second Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

Corresponding Secretary: Lou Corigliano

Chairman of the Board: Chris Schneider

Board of Directors:

Gary Doerhoff

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