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# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

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# The President's Corner

Happy New Year!

I hope this first newsletter of the new year finds everyone healthy and ready to have a great 2023. As my first year as your club president, I look forward to the challenges and achievements as fishing club we will experience together. We have a long history of being a family-oriented club while trying to bring everyone the most useful fishing information we can provide. Over the years friendships have been made and fishing partners created. We have also successfully given back to our community by providing opportunities for some of the less fortunate to find joy in fishing and fellowship. All of this and more are what I hope “WE” can continue and even improve upon. In the end we are only as good as our membership and the efforts of each one of us. Again, I’m looking forward and excited to seeing what this upcoming year has in store for OUR club.

‘Til Next Tide,  
Mark

## Upcoming Events

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**When: Thursday January 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

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

**Speaker: Russell Willoughby**

**Subject: Crappie Fishing. Come and listen to a resident expert explain the ins and outs of hunting a great & tasty freshwater game fish. Plenty of tips and good advice! Freshwater fishing is something you can do when the wind is up and the bay is just too rough! It can be done from almost any boat, canoe, or kayak and from the shore as well.**

**1/19 – Board Meeting at Foundry United Methodist Church.**

# 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	Melanie Bayford	6lb.
Atlantic Spadefish	Kelly Hoggard	1lb. 12oz.
Black Sea Bass	David Smith	1lb. 9oz.
Spot	Patty Searby	7 oz.

Roulette Submissions  
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**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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# Prize Fish Leaders

## 2022 Prize Fish Leaders for November

### Freshwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
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### Freshwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
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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	Melanie Bayford	12/13/22	22 in	Beaverdam
Bowfin	Alan Hunter	10/26/22	28 in	Piankatank River
Longnose Gar	Melanie Bayford	10/25/22	47 in	Piankatank River
Sunfish (Other)	Alan Hunter	4/8/22	8 in	Dragon Run
White Perch	Melanie Bayford	11/29/22	12 in	Piankatank River
Yellow Perch	Melanie Bayford	12/5/22	12 in	Beaverdam
Channel Catfish	Kelly Hoggard	2/23/22	28 in	Albemarle Sound

### Saltwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
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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	Patty Searby	10/7/22	7 oz.	Nags Head, NC
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
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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
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Black Crappie	Russell Willoughby	3/5/22	1 lb 9 oz	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Melanie Bayford	12/13/22	6 lb	Beaverdam
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	Patty Searby	10/7/22	7 oz	Nags Head

Submitted 12/30/22



# Fresh Water News

Fished Beaverdam Monday, Dec 5 with Phil Brewer. Water was 50 degrees and bite was slow with winds higher than "light and variable". We went into an arm of the lake with less wind and caught white perch and one crappie. I put down a small piece of cut bait and thought I had a load of hydrilla. Caught a 12" yellow perch wrapped in the hydrilla. That beautiful fish made it worth being windblown and chilly that day.

Phil Brewer had fished Beaverdam reservoir with another buddy on Sunday, Dec 11, and they caught some big bass. On Tuesday the the 13th, he took me to the area where the bass had been. It was a cold, slow fishing day with a few perch caught when the rod finally went down big time. I thought it was a catfish. Reeled it up easy with 4 lb test line and was surprised to see a big bass. Phil netted it and when I went to unhook the fish, the line parted. Whew! Was a big fat 6 pounder.



# Surf Fishing News

## 2023 VBAC Surf Tournament Teams (12/30/22)

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

**Team A:**

Doug Wehner\*  
Victor Muron\*  
Russell Willoughby\*  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD

**Team B:**

Kelly Hoggard\*  
Patty Searby\*  
Melanie Bayford\*  
Ron Ramos^  
TBD  
TBD

**2022 RESULTS****Team A:**

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

**Team B:**

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

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

**Team A:**

Kelly Hoggard\*  
Melanie Bayford\*  
Micki Walsh\*  
Russell Willoughby\*  
Rick Hoggard\*  
Rich Stone\*

**Team B:**

Bill Searby\*  
Patty Searby^  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD

**2022 RESULTS:****Team A:**

3<sup>rd</sup> (T-2) of 52 teams  
7 fish for 34 points

**Team B:**

34<sup>th</sup> of 52 teams  
1 fish for 3 points

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

**Team A:**

Bill Searby\*  
Patty Searby\*  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD

**2022 RESULTS:****Team A:**

26<sup>th</sup> of 36 teams  
4 fish for 42.25 points

# Surf Fishing News Continued

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

### Team A:

Doug Wehner\*  
Jerry Mariano\*  
John Stout\*  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD

### Team B:

Patty Searby\*  
Rick Hoggard\*  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD

### 2022 RESULTS:

#### Team A:

47<sup>th</sup> of 80 teams  
3 fish for 7 points

#### Team B:

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

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

### Men's Team:

Kelly Hoggard\*  
Doug Wehner\*  
Robbie Parks\*  
Wesley Waters^  
TBD  
TBD

### Women's Team:

Patty Searby\*  
Jenny Braithwaite\*  
Caroline Robinson\*  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD

### 2022 RESULTS:

#### Team A:

28<sup>th</sup> of 120 teams  
21 fish for 41 points

#### Team B:

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

### **\*Returning Anglers for 2023**

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

**TBD:** Team positions will be filled via random draw at one of the spring meetings. The Ocracoke tournament positions will be drawn at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting. The fall tournaments will be drawn at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting. All VBAC members are eligible to enter their name for a surf tournament drawing and a member can fish any or all tournaments they desire. Please fill out a surf tournament registration form for the tournaments you desire to fish. Be sure your registration form is received by the surf committee prior to any tournament drawing.

**Surf Team Dues:** Members are required to pay for the full portion of their lodging and up to \$40 of the participation fee for a tournament. The average tournament is about \$250 for lodging and participation combined. Partial Payments are due starting the month after team selection.

For more information regarding surf fishing or the VBAC surf fishing schedule, contact Kelly Hoggard.

## 2023 Surf Tournament Registration Forms

Anglers who would like to fish one of the major surf tournaments should fill out the following form(s) and have them mailed to the club. You may fill out your entry forms at one of the monthly meetings. We will have entry forms from January until the night of team selections.

February Meeting Draw – Ocracoke

March Meeting Draw – Hatteras Village, LBI, Nags Head, CHAC

Virginia Beach Anglers Club

c/o Surf Committee

PO Box 8602

Virginia Beach, VA 23450

Registration Form: Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament - May 4/5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a 4X4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger: yes no

I will comply with all tournament rules and guidelines while representing the VBAC in this tournament.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Form: Hatteras Village Civic Association Surf Tournament - Sep 8/9

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a 4X4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger: yes no

I will comply with all tournament rules and guidelines while representing the VBAC in this tournament.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Form: Long Beach Island World Series of Surf Fishing - Sep 23

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a 4X4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger: yes no

I will comply with all tournament rules and guidelines while representing the VBAC in this tournament.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Form: Nags Head Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament - Oct 5/6

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a 4X4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger: yes no

I will comply with all tournament rules and guidelines while representing the VBAC in this tournament.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Form: CHAC Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament - Nov 2/3/4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I have a 4X4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger: yes no

I will comply with all tournament rules and guidelines while representing the VBAC in this tournament.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Saltwater News

Friday 12/30. Fished today with Ned at the Elizabeth River. Beautiful day in the 50s, no wind. Too many boats on the water. Didn't catch till the last hour a 22.5", 19.5" and 17.5" all released. Good enough for us.





# Saltwater News

Submitted by Larry Regula

Still alive and fishing again... Florida flounder off siesta key fishing with Troy Shields of Troy Marine and Big Wave Dave Walden.



## **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>
Surf Tournaments:	<b>Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>
Club Tournaments:	<b>Chair – George Gabriel</b> <b>Co. Chair – Bob Burstein</b>
Prize Fish:	<b>Chair – Ike Eisenhower</b>
Nomination Committee:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard</b>
Conservation and Regulations:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>
T-Shirt Committee:	<b>Chair – Patty Searby</b>

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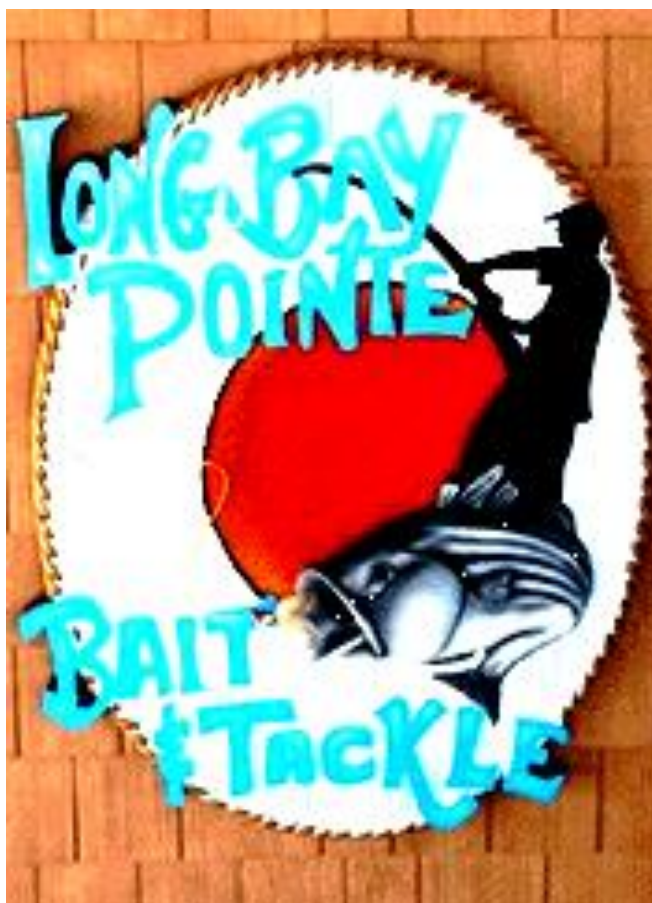
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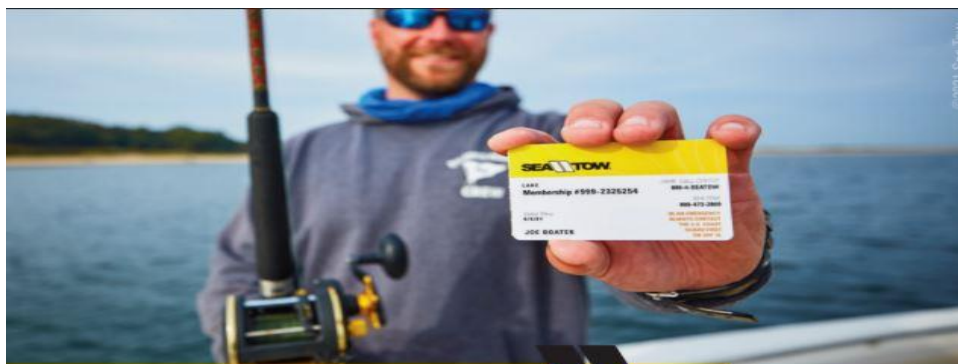


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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

## 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.

## 2023 VBAC Elected Officials

### Officers:

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