



July 2023

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## Tight Line

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## Upcoming Events

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**When: Thursday July 6, 2023 at 7:30 P M**

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

**Meeting Subject: SHOW ME NIGHT!**

**Something special this meeting. Tables will be set up and some of our members will be demonstrating knot tying, rigging terminal tackle, and other necessary skills. If there is something special you'd like to see, please email the club at [vbangersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbangersclub@gmail.com) so we can try to have it available. The club will furnish line so you can practice and perfect what knots you like. It's a great opportunity to learn new tricks and methods of line handling.**

**7/6 – Fish & Wildlife Kids Surf Fishing Clinic.**

**7/8 – 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.**

**7/15 – VBAC Intra Club Surf Fishing Qualifier.**

**7/20 – Fish & Wildlife Kids Surf Fishing Clinic.**

**7/20 – Board Meeting.**

**7/29 – Ocean's East Recruiting Table. To volunteer, call Bob Burstein (267) 994-7423.**

# 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	Kelly Hoggard	14 lb. 15 oz.
Chain Pickerel	Preston Mangum	1 lb. 5 oz.

Roulette Submissions  
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:  
[vbangersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbangersclub@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

## Fingers Crossed.. Summer Is Here!

We have had a tough start to the 2023 fishing season, weather wise that is. As far as I can remember the past May and June were some of the non-fishable months I have seen. Looks like we have successfully turned a corner now and on to better days to come. The end of June and now the beginning of July is showing some great fishing reports. The sight fishing anglers in the bay and at the mouth of it are having great catches of big red drum and Cobia. The trolling fleet is picking up good numbers of Spanish, bluefish and the love hate relationship ribbonfish. The CBBT is holding nice numbers of sheepshead just like the previous year. While there hasn't been a huge number of spadefish at the bridge caught yet the Tower area and near the bay wrecks are producing some nice spades. One of the most pleasant surprises has been the nearby shore wrecks catching flounder. So really there are no excuses now to get out there and have some fun on the water. Be sure to be safe, keep your eye on the weather and only take what you can use. Also be sure to share your catches with us!

'Til Next Tide.

***Mark Lozier***

# Denny Dobbins

Denny Dobbins, a prominent member of our local fishing community, passed away on Monday, June 19, 2023. Denny was the longtime president of the Portsmouth Anglers Club and a friend to all who knew him.

His funeral will be held on July 11, 2023 at 3PM at the Albert G. Horton Memorial Veteran's Cemetery in Suffolk.

Denny wanted everyone to remember him at a gathering to be held at 4:30PM at The Planters Club in Suffolk. It's located at 4600 Planters Club Rd, Suffolk. Kelly Hoggard tells us there will be adult beverages and more available at the remembrance.

Our thoughts and prayers go with all those he's left behind.



[Denny's Obituary](#)

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

## 2023 PLANNING CALENDAR

### JUNE

Postponed

TBD

HUNT FOR HARD HEADS CLUB CHALLENGE

### 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

# VBAC 2023 Planning Calendar Continued

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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EMAIL US AT: [VBANGLERSCLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VBANGLERSCLUB@GMAIL.COM)



# Sandbridge & Little Island Parking

The Parking Management Office operates remote beach parking lots at Sandbridge Beach and Little Island at Sandbridge. Paid parking is seasonal, beginning in May 1st through September 30th. In and out privileges are permitted at Sandbridge Lot and Little Island parking lots, Sandbridge Market not included. The Sandbridge Lot and Little Island lot now offer meter parking and contactless payment options. Sandbridge and Little Island Seasonal Permits can now be purchased online. Please visit [VA Beach Permits](#) to set up an account or log into your account to make a payment using a credit card.

Be advised that the Little Island Lot at Sandbridge is very busy on weekends during the summer and long waits to get into the lot can occur after 11:00am. Meter parking and contactless payment options have been put in place to help eliminate some of the wait times. Free overflow parking is available during these peak times, but spaces are limited.

## Holiday Parking Restrictions

Holiday parking restrictions include 24 hours a day restricted parking for July 4th Weekend, from 6pm July 2nd through 6am July 6th, and Labor Day Weekend, 6pm Friday through 6am Tuesday. To legally park in RPP areas, vehicles must display a residential parking decal or pass. RPP decals/permits are issued only to residents and businesses in the restricted zone.



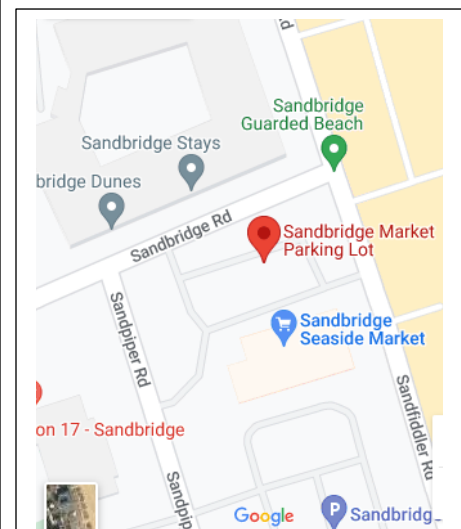
### CONTACT INFORMATION

## Parking Permits

📞 Office 757-385-2900 Office Hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

✉️ [parkingpermithelp@vbgov.com](mailto:parkingpermithelp@vbgov.com)

3820 Sandpiper Rd  
[View larger map](#)



# Sandbridge & Little Island Parking

## Virginia Beach Senior Citizen Parking Permit

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The City of Virginia Beach will provide any Virginia Beach resident 65 or older free parking in the 4th Street municipal parking, Sandbridge municipal parking lots, and Little Island municipal parking lot after applying for the permit.

### To Request a Permit

1. Go to the [Permit Portal](#) and log on or create an account.
2. Select Senior Citizen Parking Permit.
3. Fill in all contact information and vehicle information.
4. Upload a copy of drivers license and vehicle registration.
5. Click checkout (there is no charge for this decal).

**No physical permit will be issued. Permit is based off of license plate number.**



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board  
Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
Virtual Meeting, Monday, July 10, 2023  
6:00 p.m. Public Hearing

The Virginia Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB) will hold an electronic hearing on applications for the 2023 funding cycle. The meeting will be held virtually at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023. Instructions for participation can be found at <https://mrc.virginia.gov/calendar.shtm#gsc.tab=0>. Comments or questions can be e-mailed to: [alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov). Additional information can be found at <http://mrc.virginia.gov/vsrfdf/index.shtm>. The projects are listed below.

## Agenda:

- I. Introduction, Announcements, Comments.
- II. Status of Fund.
- III. Review of Minutes from the May 8, 2023 RFAB Meeting.
- IV. Fishing event applications for 2023 events:
  - A) 0423-01 2024 Hope House & Oak Grove Nursing Home Fishing Excursions and Clinics. Butch Pierce; George Reich, Great Bridge Fisherman's Association. **\$2,450.**
  - B) 0423-02 2024 Virginia Beach Anglers Club/Seton Youth Shelter Children's Fishing Trip. Lou Corigliano, Virginia Beach Anglers Club. **\$2,500.**
  - C) 0422-03 2024 Norfolk Youth Head Boat Fishing Trip. James "Ike" Eisenhower, Norfolk Anglers Club. **\$1,700.**
  - D) 0423-04 2024 Kiwanis Club Children's Fishing Clinic and Kiwanis Fishing Clinic. Wesley Brown, Capital District Kiwanis Club. **\$11,000.**
  - E) 0422-05 2024 Saxis and Morley's Wharf Children's Fishing and Conservation Educational Outings. Steven Elliot, Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club. **\$2,420.**
  - F) 0423-06 2024 Knights of Columbus Annual Kids Fishing Day. Jim McCaddin, Knights of Columbus. **\$7,500.**
- V. Research and Access Projects:
  - G) 0423-07 Virginia Game Fish Tagging 2024. S. Musick (VIMS), L. Gillingham (VMRC). **\$90,908.**
  - H) 0423-08 \*Estimating Relative Abundance of Young-of-Year American Eel in the Virginia Tributaries of Chesapeake Bay. M. Fabrizio, T. Tuckey, VIMS. \$31,558. **(\$15,779 from VSRFDF, and \$15,779 from MFIF).**

- I) 0423-09 \*Federal Assistance (Sportfish Restoration) Matching Funds, Federal FY 2024. P. Geer. \$148,809 (**119,047 from VSRFDF, 29,762 from MFIF**).
- J) 0423-10 Virginia Marine Sportfish Collection Project, Year 17. Ethan Simpson, Virginia Marine Resources Commission. **\$18,000**.
- K) 0423-11 Artificial Reef Program Anglers Support. M. Avery, Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association. **\$78,420**.
- L) 0423-12 Mathews Land Conservancy Public Access Fishing Enhancement and Program Development. B. La Casse, Mathews Land Conservancy. **\$17,850**.

Projects marked \* are split funded

The VMRC does not discriminate against individuals with disabilities. If you are in need of reasonable accommodations because of a disability, please inform Alicia Nelson at 757-247-8155, no less than 5 week days prior to the meeting time and identify your needs.



Hello Jeff,

As our offshore work on Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) continues, we remain committed to maintaining communications with fishing communities and other mariners in the area via these periodic updates as well as dock visits, informational speaking engagements and additional information posted on the [CVOW website](#).

All mariners are encouraged to contact Dominion Energy's Fisheries Liaisons below with any specific questions about CVOW project activities in relation to fisheries.

***Recent announcements include:***

- The UXO identification work is underway with the M/V Subsea Responder I and the M/V Subsea Responder II. These vessels utilize Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) to investigate targets identified by the previously conducted survey activities and determine if they are UXO. This operation will begin in the nearshore cable corridor (Area A) and continue offshore through Area B and then into the Lease Area (Area C). These vessels will not be towing any survey equipment and should not pose a hazard to any fixed-gear commercial fishing operations. These operations are expected to continue into the fall of 2023 and any targets confirmed to be UXO will be shared via the [USCG 5th District Local Notice to Mariners](#).

*Mariners transiting or fishing in the operational area are requested to provide a 0.5 nautical mile-wide clearance to survey vessels, which may be limited in their ability to maneuver. Mariners should operate in a manner that will not endanger themselves, the survey vessel or its equipment.*

## Vessel details are as follows:

### Subsea Responder I



- Call Sign: V7A5818
- Flag: Marshall Islands
- MMSI: 538010258
- LOA: 217 ft
- IMO: 9201645
- Beam: 54 ft

### Subsea Responder II



- Call Sign: V7FV9
- Flag: Marshall Islands
- MMSI: 538006153
- LOA: 238 ft
- IMO: 9225495

### F/V Joey D



- Call Sign: WDL6409
- Flag: USA
- MMSI: 368150450
- LOA: 79 ft

### R/V Bay Eagle



- Call Sign: WBR3978
- Flag: USA
- MMSI: 368749480
- LOA: 65 ft

Please consult the [USCG 5th District Local Notice to Mariners](#) for additional information on offshore activity and, as always, please adhere to the [USCG Rules of the Road for mariners](#).

Vessels are requested to avoid anchoring in the identified survey area and fishing vessels deploying fixed fishing gear (e.g., pots, traps, gillnets, etc.) are requested to coordinate activities with the Fisheries Liaison to avoid damage to fishing gear and/or the survey equipment.

For more information on Dominion Energy's CVOW activities, [click here](#).

## CVOW and Fisheries Resource Surveys

In partnership with the [Virginia Institute of Marine Science \(VIMS\)](#), Dominion Energy is conducting resource assessment studies for Black Sea Bass, Atlantic Surfclam and Channeled Whelk in the project area.

**Black Sea Bass:** The study consists of 8-strings of ventless traps with 6-traps per string. Sampling once per month with a 48-hour soak utilizing acoustic release buoys to recover gear. Randomly selected sampling sites will be inside lease with control sites area outside lease area. Sampling will begin in June 2023 utilizing the VIMS R/V Bay Eagle.

**Atlantic Surfclam:** With support from Rutgers University, the commercial F/V Joey D will sample 20-stations inside lease and 20-stations outside (40-sample tows in total). The work will take place June 18 and June 19, 2023 and will take 2-3 days to complete; sampling stations are shown in the chart below.

**Channeled Whelk:** Study design is complete and sampling gear is being acquired. This is a cooperative study that plans to utilize commercial whelk fishermen and their vessels. Fishermen interested in participating should contact the Dominion Energy Fisheries Liaison.

# Prize Fish Leaders

## 2023 Prize Fish Leaders for June

### 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(2)	Ike Eisenhower	6/8/23	7 lb. 3 oz.	Chesapeake Light Tower
Cobia	Kelly Hoggard	5/16/23	65 lb.	Offshore Oregon Inlet
Blueline Tilefish (4)	Kelly Hoggard	5/16/23	11 lbs. 14 in.	Oregon Inlet Canyon
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	5/14/23	2 lbs. 3 oz.	Ramp 55, 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

### 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

Submitted 6/30/23

# VBAC Charter Fishing Trip

*Special Thanks to*

**Christina Chirichello**

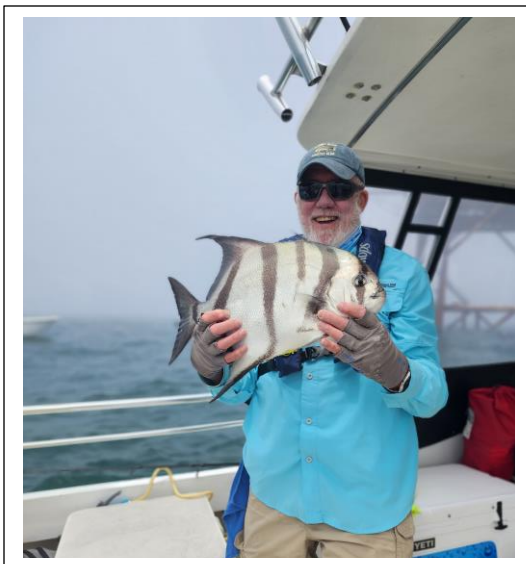
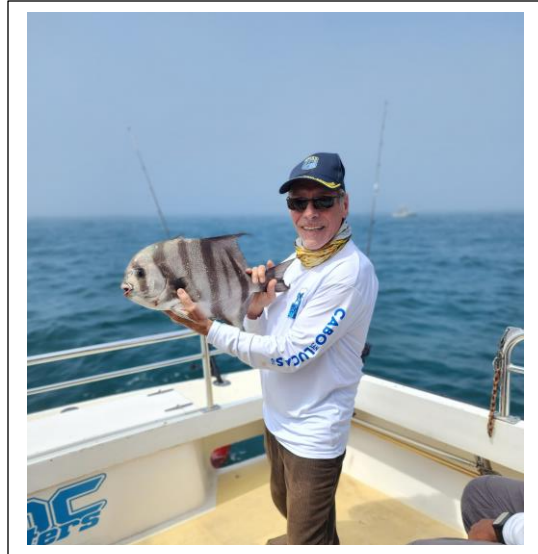
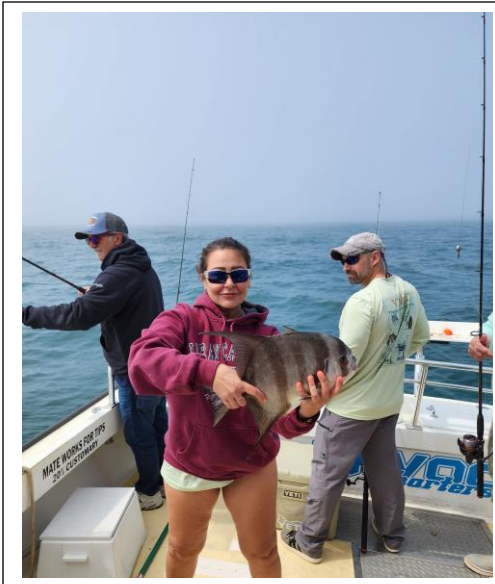
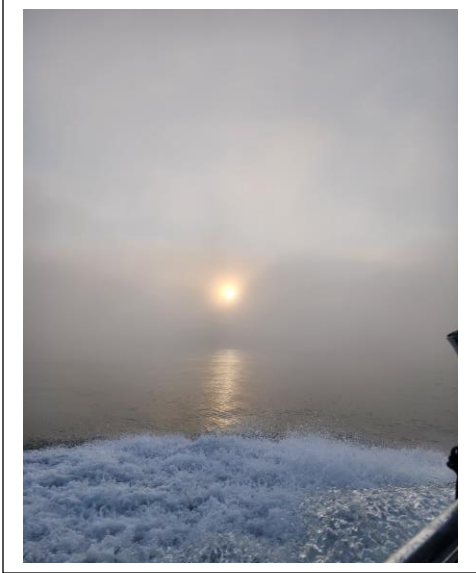
*For this article and accompanying photos!*

When we got the chance to put our names into the raffle to go out to the Chesapeake Light, I knew I had to do it! And luckily, my name was the very first one called! While there were some challenges, the original boat being sold for starters. We went on Havoc Charter's HAVOC 2 which was chartered by Ocean Pearl Captain Brandon Baldwin who bought it from our club's member Mark Wray who passed away some years back. If you were able enough to join us for the 2023 OBX Retreat, it was a tournament done in his honor for being a phenomenal dude. I only wish I'd have had the opportunity to meet him from the stories I hear. We boarded at Southall Landings Marina on the Salt Ponds and headed out to the Chesapeake Light. Talk about an episode of Scooby-Doo! Pea soup fog that was so eerie the normal creepiness of the light tower was exceeded. I knew Davey Jones was waiting for a soul based on how thick this fog was! And made visibility something special because seeing the battleships and cargo ships just show up eerily out of the fog was a trip. We went for spadefish and apparently, the rest of the area too. When we showed up, there were over 2 dozen boats already on it. It got so crowded we had to reposition the anchor several times as well as dodged some wonderful souls who felt spearfishing amongst the masses was a great idea but hey, gotta respect the hustle. And ladies first! I brought up the first fish. A sea bass just short of what could be kept. Ike grabbed the other sea bass before I landed the first spadefish. 18" and beautiful. The fight alone made me want to catch more! Ike and Rob managed to grab the only other 2 to come on board. Ike's was at 6lbs 2 oz and Rob's was huge! Some fell off hook and were all over the bottom. By the time we figured out where, the wind picked up too much to continue so we had to come back to shore and quickly.

Pictures on next page.



# VBAC Charter Fishing Trip Pics



# OBX Mark Wray Tournament

It was an unforgettable weekend for the [Virginia Beach Anglers Club](#) in Hatteras! Over 50 club members, family and friends spent the participated in our 2023 OBX Retreat. We ate, drank, fished, relaxed, played and enjoyed our time together.

Most of our group were at the [Frisco Woods Campground](#) together from Friday through Sunday. Saturday was a busy day with lots to do. Our Mark Wray Memorial Fishing Tournament lasted most of the day Saturday. Anglers went down to ramp 49 together Saturday morning for a free casting seminar from [Tommy Farmer](#). Later, we brought our fish to the measure in. It was followed by an awards banquet, dinner, and benefit raffle for [Hooked on Hope VB](#).

Our benefit raffle was sponsored by many of our favorite tackle shops on Hatteras Island. Other small businesses and individuals chipped in as well. The total raffle value exceeded \$1550 worth of gift cards and prizes. A grand prize [Carolina Cast Pro](#) rod and [Frank & Fran's Fisherman's Friend](#) gift card with a combined value of \$400 was raffled at the end of the night and it was won by Alex!

In all, we raised over \$1400 for Mark Wray's favorite charity. He would be mighty proud of this event and all that we've managed to accomplish in his honor. An additional thank you goes to all the members who bought raffle tickets.

Our 2023 OBX Retreat was not possible without numerous volunteers including our food committee: Patty, Mary, Micki, and Terry. An 'atta boy' also goes out to Kelly Hoggard for coordinating this outstanding event.

Be sure to thank and solicit all of our sponsors:

[Tommy Farmer](#)

[Carolina Cast Pro](#)

[Frank & Fran's Fisherman's Friend](#)

[Red Drum Tackle Shop, Inc](#)

[Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle](#)

[Hatteras jack inc.](#)

[Graveyard Fishing](#)

Michael Hosang -> Fishing 4 Mortgages

John Germanos -> GFE Adventures

Stephanie Easterling -> Fish Chix

Jerry Hughes

Kelly Hoggard

We are already looking forward to next year!



# OBX Mark Wray Tournament

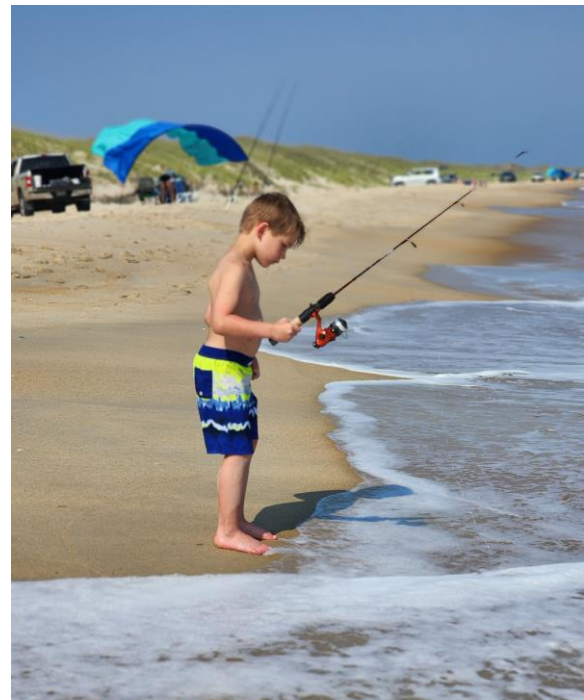
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**Christina Chirichello**

What a blast at the 2023 OBX retreat! One of the things I love about my family being a part of the VBAC is when we get to all come together, meet new people, learn from some rad people and our children be able to be a part of something that is made to be inclusive of them. My 2 youngest kids, AvaLeigh who is 9 and Wyatt, 5, got to experience such a great time that will be cherished forever. I mean, where else are you going to brag about being next to a shark and it be true... IT IS! They were playing at the surf in Hatteras and were not but 2 maybe 3 feet in the water when right next to them swam a nurse shark! They were so jazzed but also got them to question the water. "Yes babies, sharks are really in the ocean. That's their home." They got it, but now, they understand it. On top of that, the campground was so beautiful and clean and right on the water. My kids got to play with a bunch of other kids while grabbing blue crabs with their hands and baby flounders all around! And AvaLeigh, if you know her you understand, got to brag how I didn't even catch a fish and she got crabs and flounder with her bare hands. Thanks AvaLeigh...

All in all, it was such a great time to be with people who are so amazing and truly love to fish and share their knowledge and skills.

We are so looking forward to next year!



# OBX Mark Wray Tournament

*Articles and Pictures*

*Submitted by*

**George Gabriel**

**Mary Bradley**

**John Stout**

This Year's Inaugural Marc Wray Memorial Tournament offered VBAC anglers other fishing opportunities besides surf. Chris Schneider arranged a ½ day charter out of Hatteras Harbor aboard the Adventure for club members George Gabriel, Gerry Mariano, Eric Whisman and of course Chris himself. The beauty of the OBX fishing scene is that even a ½ day trip offers anglers diversity in selecting targeted species for the trip. The captain's morning charter came back with limits of nice size blue fish and Spanish mackerel. The boat moored adjacent to ours came back from their morning trip with a mixed bag of cobia, amberjack, and Spanish. We informed our captain that we wanted to fish where they had gone.

Our compliant skipper swapped out some tackle and gear, grabbed his cast net, and headed out to catch some bait to catch some big fish. His third cast of the net yielded a load that proved to be a struggle even for him to pull on board. The abundance was so great, he had plenty to share with fellow charters. With the bait well full, we headed to some structure he knew was holding fish. The ride was comfortable- the wind gods showed us their favor! Pulling up to his spot, the mate loaded our lines with live bait, which we happily tossed over the side. With only 2 ounces of lead (at the most), our live baits meandered down towards the ocean's depths (about 75 feet). Eric's line was the first to sound off, line whizzing off at a brisk clip. Calmly negotiating with his undersea predator, Eric soon boated a 20lb red snapper- which of course after his photo op ended- had to go back into the sea. A beautiful fish non the less.

Didn't take long before all the lines took turns hooking nice amberjacks- which of course offer a nice fight. The captain decided to have George try live-lining a spot; which when hitting the water took off for points unknown. Not long after the line screamed off the reel, and unlike the amberjack and other bottom dwellers, this fish took off climbing the water column much like a cobia would. The fish fought for several minutes during which Chris reminisced about his bucket list desire to catch an African Pompano. Well, thanks to Chris' mental channeling- that in fact was what was on George's line. The fight yielded a nice 39" 22 lb African Pompano. NICE Fish!!! Well of course, this caused Chris to fish even harder (if there is such a thing) now that he knew his bucket fish was lurking below. And it worked, not long after Gerry hooked and boated another AP weighing in at 12lbs. Lucky for Chris- he still has a dream to pursue 😊

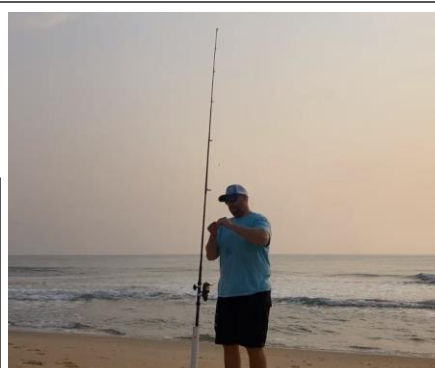
A few sharks- one roughly 200lbs which kicked Eric's butt, entertained us for longer than we cared; topped off by a sea monster that Gerry fought for over 20 minutes, almost prompting a call for a medical helicopter. Needless to say- the monster prevailed, never to be seen by our crew, leaving Gerry in a gasping ball of sweat. All in all a great day on the water- yielding enough fish filets to contribute to feeding the masses the following evening, and satisfying some angler's bucket list wish.

Pictures on the following pages.

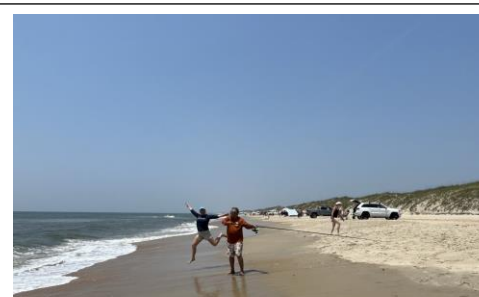
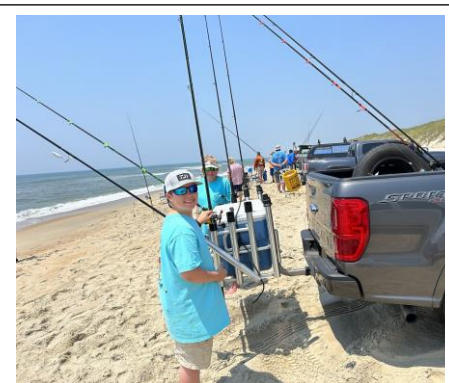
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# Seton Youth 2023

## 2023 Seton Youth Fishing Trip

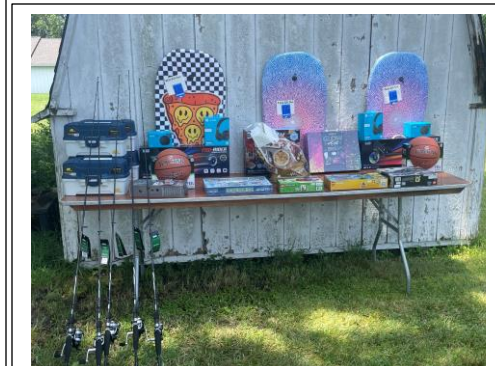
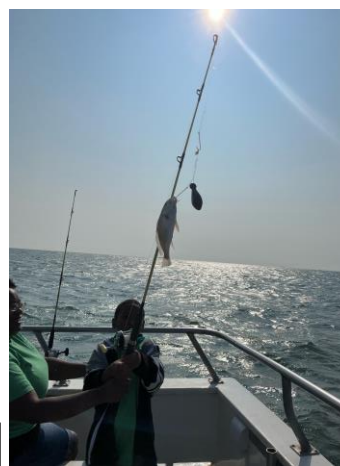
Our annual Seton Youth Fishing trip took place on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The bay was not cooperating on our way out to the 1<sup>st</sup> island as the waves were 3-5 feet and the wind was blowing out of the northwest. We did manage to make it to the 1<sup>st</sup> island and tucked in close to the bridge which gave us some relief.

We had a total of 34 people on the boat, 19 children and 15 adults. The fishing was fabulous despite the weather. We caught croaker, spot, and even several small gray trout were even in the mix. The winner with the most fish caught was a young lady, who fished with determination, and landed 16 fish total. Her younger brother was right behind her with 15 fish. The winner for the biggest fish was a young man who landed a 22" skate.

The fishing trip was followed by a luncheon at the Seton Youth facility where everyone enjoyed subs, fried chicken, cupcakes, and ice cream. All the mentors were given gift certificates to either Wawa or Play it Again Sports, and each child left with a nice gift of choice. Gifts included; basketballs, fishing rods, tackle boxes, wireless speakers, drones, and more.

The entire day was a success.

Thank you to all the VBAC volunteers who helped to make this day memorable.



# Saltwater News

## Virginia Beach Anglers Club Charter 6/3/23:

I was picked from a lottery of VBAC members for this trip on Havoc Charter's HAVOC 2 along with Rob Stummel, Marshall Weathers, Christina Morse, Mike Kreckle and Ronnie Willoughby. The boat was the Ocean Pearl that Captain Brandon Baldwin bought from Steve Wray of Long Bay Point. We boarded at Southall Landings Marina on the Salt Ponds in Hampton. We went to Chesapeake Light Tower which was a 2 hour trip in pea soup thick fog for spadefish. Luckily the wind was barely present which of course kept the fog thick through the whole trip but made for a smooth riding trip. When we got there it was pretty crowded there. We had to re-anchor several times since some were catching a few that were positioned close to the tower. Christina caught the first fish which was 19 inches long and looked about 5lbs. Then Rob hooked up the next one which was about 20 inches long and a little heavier. Finally I got a 6lb 2oz, a club minimum in after I pulled the hook on an earlier caught fish. Fish were right on the bottom. When we finally figured it out and got in closer to the tower the wind blew up bad. Despite 3-5 ft seas that boat is a smooth riding boat for rough seas like we had heading back. The CLT was just too far a trip for that boat. Christina should have more pictures of this trip and the other fish caught by her and Rob.

## Another CLT trip 6/8/23:

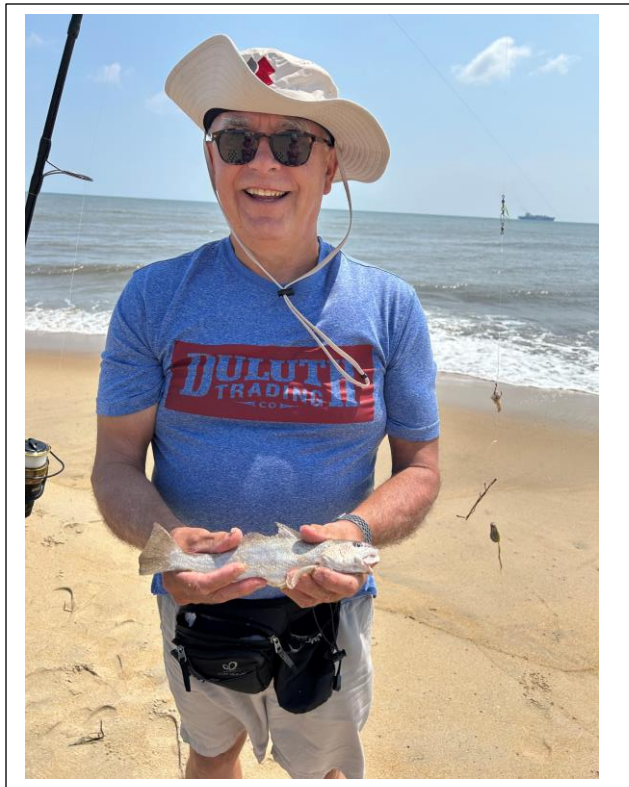
I got invited to go again to the Chesapeake Light Tower for spadefish this time with new member Scott Payne on his friend Pete Ansten's 24ft center console Sea Hunt. We left out of Lynnhaven Marina and made the CLT in less than an hour making 30-35 mph in pretty calm seas but again the tower was slammed with 20+ boats already. We could see decent sized spades getting caught close in to the tower where most people were. Most had trolling motors on with Spot Lock holding their positions. It took us a while to get anchored in a good position when I caught the first spade, a 5lb fish. Soon after that I caught my big one at 7lbs 3ozs a club minimum on my scale verified at Long Bay Point as well. Pete caught a nice one too but we didn't weight it. The a major thunderstorm with lightning pulled in the area soaking us so we headed home in 3-5 foot waves. Well that's all I'm doing at the CLT. Hopefully they will be a the CBBT soon in better weather. *Submitted by Ike Eisenhower*



# Saltwater News

*Submitted by Steve Witkowski*

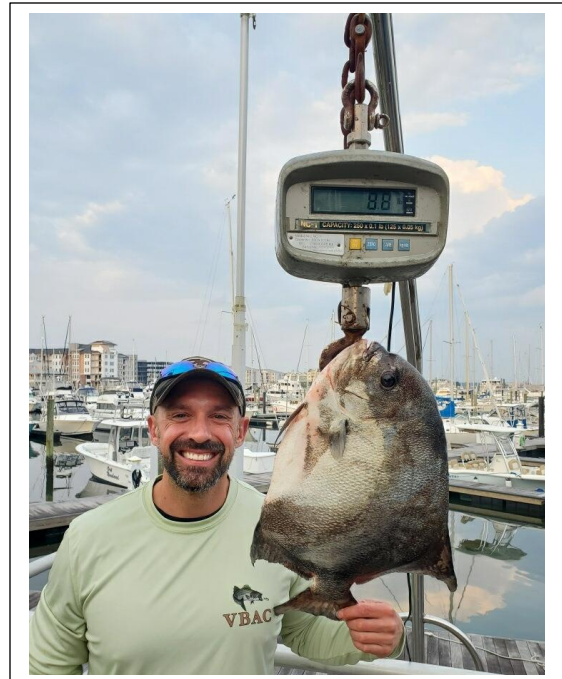
Steve caught this small roundhead while surf fishing at Virginia Beach's North End.



# Saltwater News

*Submitted by Michael Kreckel*

After a not-so-lucky outing the week before, I went out to the Chesapeake Light Tower on June 9th determined and bagged my first ever citation (for any species). The 8.8lb 21.5in spadefish fought hard on my inshore setup (Penn Battle 2k, Ugly Stick, 15lb braid and 20lb leader line) but I was able to land it after almost 10 minutes of good fighting fun. Delicious fish tacos followed after the weigh in.



*Congratulations  
Michael!*

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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 34<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.pcbgt.com)

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# Fresh Water News

*Submitted by Melanie Bayford*

**Weather and other obligations have slowed my fishing this past month. I trailered to Beaverdam two weeks ago and went fishing there. I had just started my first drift had had two bites when I heard a noise on my boat. Then I saw movement. My first thought was SNAKE! Then I saw one of my neighbors feral kittens peeping out at me. He looked too warm and distressed, so I figured the best thing I could do was stop fishing and trailer back home and hope he didn't bail out on the way. Did not see him loading or when I first got home, but saw him outside about an hour later. All ok.**

**My last trip was last Thursday. I went to Piankatank and launched mid afternoon. Drifted for a while and got my rods set up, and caught a baby spot. Moved up to my favorite point since it was low tide. Caught more baby spot and had a few hard runs that didn't hook up. Had to wear a mask because the air was very smoky. Finally had a hard hookup and felt like a bowfin. Near the boat it looked like a speckled trout. Turned out to be a 17 inch puppy drum covered in spots. Very pretty.**

**Heard reports on Friday that people fishing on Thurs did not catch much. Changing weather was probably the cause. Melanie**

# Fresh Water News



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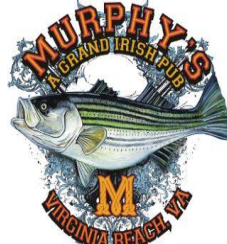


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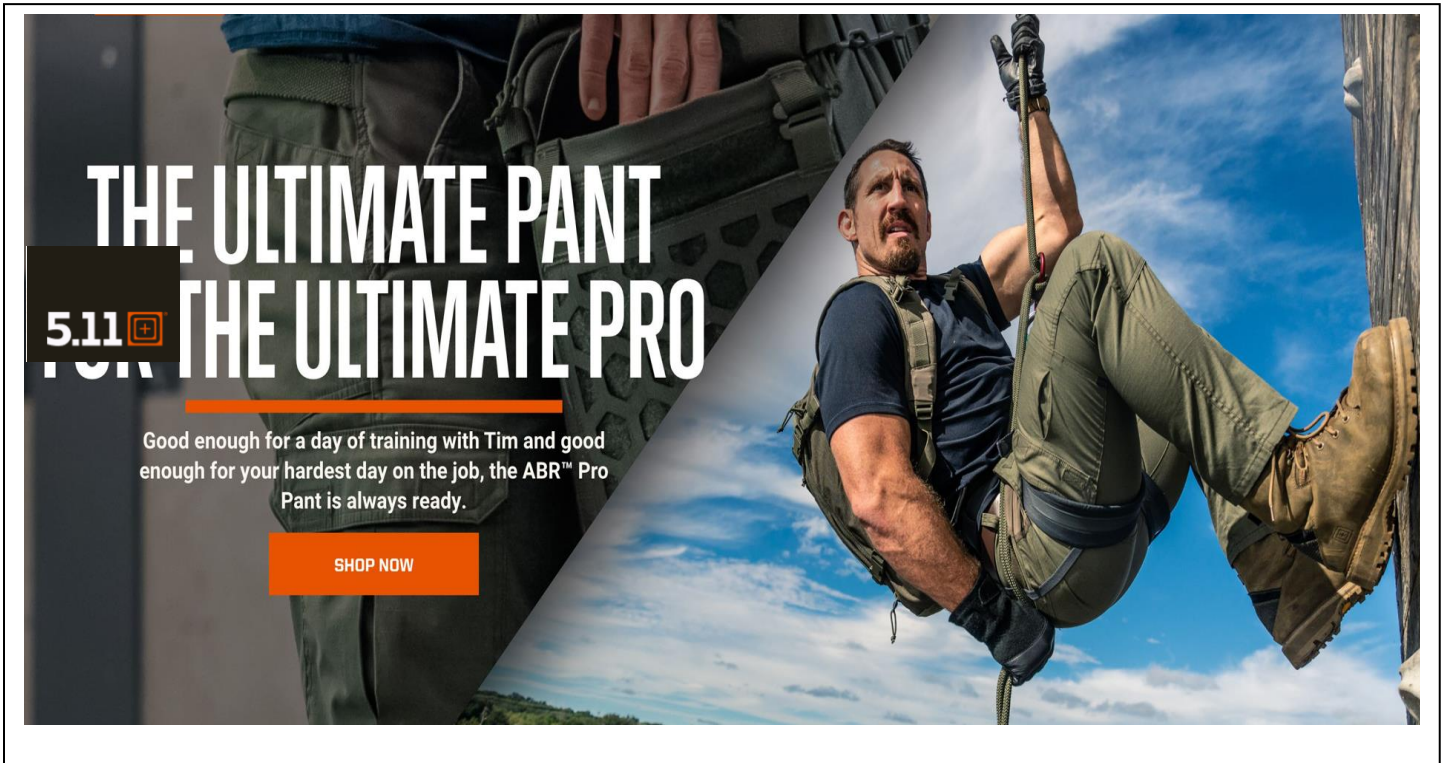


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- ❖ Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
- ❖ Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.
- ❖ Conduct 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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