



March 2023

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday March 2, 2023 at 7:30 PM

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

Speaker: State Delegate Timothy Anderson

**Subject: Menhaden in the bay and off the VB oceanfront
and what bills HB 1381 & HB 1383 hope to accomplish.**

**Roulette fish for 2023 will be announced at the meeting!
This is the last chance to put your name in the hat to win if
you catch the largest fish in any of the selected species!
Prize money is usually more than \$100 per fish. Only \$20.00
to enter!**

3/11 – Great Bridge Fisherman’s Association Flea Market.

**3/18 – Lake Smith Crappie Tournament. This is open to
members and the public. Both shore and boat fishing.
Prizes and a lot of fun! Bring your poles and those younger
anglers who’d like to try their luck fishing off the shore.
Volunteers to help with the table and check the anglers out
are needed. If you’d like to help, call or email preston at:
757-582-1450 or pmangum@roseandwomble.com .
(See pages 20 & 21)**

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2022 Winners

Species

Black Crappie

Largemouth Bass

Black Sea Bass

Spadefish

Spot

2022 Winners

Russell Willoughby

Melanie Bayford

David Smith

Kelly Hoggard

Patty Searby

2023

Coming Soon!

Roulette Submissions
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:
vbanglersclub@gmail.com
Ike Eisenhower –
email: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.

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

2023 PLANNING CALENDAR

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	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 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

VISIT US AT: VIRGINIABEACHANGLERSCLUB.ORG
 EMAIL US AT: VBANGLERSCLUB@GMAIL.COM

Prize Fish Leaders

Freshwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Black Crappie	Ike Eisenhower	2/14/23	1 lb. 4 oz.	Lake Smith

Freshwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Black Crappie	Russell Willoughby	2/8/23	15 in.	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel	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	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 will be posted in March

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Submitted 2/25/23				

2023 VBAC Roulette

Wheel Spin Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023



The roulette wheel will be spun at the **March 2, 2023** membership meeting. You must declare your entry to the Prize Fish Committee **before** the spin of the wheel.

Roulette Information: To promote competitive fishing, the club devised a way to support fishing without providing an unfair advantage to any anglers. The solution involved a wheel that included a variety of freshwater and saltwater species in Virginia. The species are selected at random by spin of the roulette wheel. It costs \$20 for an angler to participate and each species winner receives an equal share of prize money.

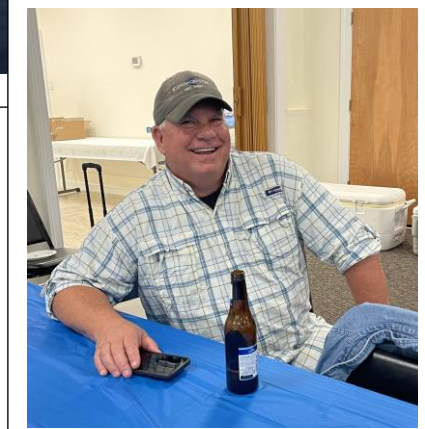
Roulette Rules: Any fish caught from 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023 can qualify. Only the **heaviest** fish in each category will win. Must have contacted the Prize Fish Committee to enter before the wheel is spun. Participants should provide payment as soon as possible. It is suggested that members mail a \$20 check to the club after registration for the roulette. You are required to submit your entry via the clubs standard Prize Fish form. Prize Fish/Roulette entries can be submitted in hand or by mail to the Virginia Beach Anglers Club Prize Fish Committee. A table of the current leaders will be kept up to date and posted in each newsletter.

For any questions or concerns regarding the Roulette or Prize Fish contest, please contact the Prize Fish Committee Chairperson (Ike Eisenhower).

VBAC Email: vbangersclub@gmail.com

VBAC Mailbox: Virginia Beach Anglers Club
Prize Fish Contest
P. O. Box 8602
Virginia Beach, VA 23450

Our 2023 Awards Banquet



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Expert Angler Awards

Melanie Bayford Bluegill, Longnose gar

Russell Willoughby Black Crappie

James “Ike” Eisenhower Black Crappie, Speckled Trout

Alan Hunter Black Crappie, Bluegill, Longnose Gar, Shellcracker, White Perch

Chris Schneider Black Crappie, Bluegill, Roundhead

George Gabriel Roundhead, Speckled Trout

Alex Ramos Red Drum, Roundhead

Kelly Hoggard Roundhead, Shark, Spanish Mackerel

David Smith Speckled Trout

Patty Searby Roundhead

Master Angler

Melanie Bayford Black Crappie, Blue Catfish, Bluegill, Bowfin, Largemouth Bass, Longnose Gar, White Perch, Yellow Perch

Alan Hunter Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bowfin, Chain Pickerel, Cobia, Largemouth Bass, Longnose Gar, Shellcracker, Sunfish (Other), White Perch, Yellow Perch

Alex Ramos Flounder, Pompano, Red Drum, Roundhead, Speckled Trout, Spot

Kelly Hoggard Black Crappie, Blue Catfish, Bowfin, Channel Catfish, Hickory Shad, Longnose Gar, Pompano, Red Drum, Roundhead, Shark, Spanish Mackerel

Member of the Year

Ronnie Nixon

Outstanding Awards

Most Outstanding Saltwater Catch

Andy Hawkins – 3lb. 7oz. Pompano

Most Outstanding Freshwater Catch

Melanie Bayford - 6lb. Largemouth Bass

VBAC Sand Witches Memorial Award (Largest Red Drum – Female)

Susan Smith

Youth Angler of the Year

Alex Ramos

Female Saltwater Angler of the Year

Patty Searby

Male Saltwater Angler of the Year

Kelly Hoggard

Release Saltwater Angler of the Year

Kelly Hoggard

Female Freshwater Angler of the Year

Melanie Bayford

Male Freshwater Angler of the Year

Alan Hunter

Release Freshwater Angler of the Year

Melanie Bayford

Jay Smith Memorial Surf Fishing Award Male Surf Angler of the Year

Kelly Hoggard

Gene Farrar Memorial Surf Fishing Award Female Surf Angler of the Year

Patty Searby

Banquet Donations and Contributions

Businesses

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Long Bay Point Bait and Tackle

Murphy's Prop Shop

Oceans East Bait and Tackle

Pembroke Pizza

Princess Anne Distributing

Sea Tow Hampton Roads

USA Fuel Service

Wawa

West Marine

Individuals

Bill Searby

Caroline Robinson

Chris Schneider

Gary Doerhoff

Jerry Hughes

Jerry Mariano

Kelly Hoggard

Patty Searby

Pete Frederico

Rob Stommel

Russell Willoughby

Steve Lockyear

The Waters Family

Boating Safety Course

US Coast Guard Boating Safety Course Offered by the US Coast Guard and VBAC



When: Saturday, March 25th

Time: 9am - 3:30pm

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church, next to Beach Ford

Address: 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452

This is a **free course**, taught by US Coast Guard Personnel. It is required to operate a boat or personal watercraft in Virginia waters.

A certificate will be issued to each individual at the end of the course.

Free lunch will be served at this event.

There is plenty of parking in the rear of the church.

If interested, contact Butch Eason to register. (757) 681-6019

Great Bridge Flea Market



ANNUAL Fishing Flea Market

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March 11, 2023
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

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Free Raffles!

50/50

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Joe - mysteri2@cox.net 757-685-6823

You are invited to visit or join the best fishing club in Tidewater. Each month the club has a speaker to present an informative program on various local fishing topics. Check us out at www.fishgbfa.org

Or Visit facebook.com/GreatBridgeFishermansAssociation

Benefits include:

- Monthly Newsletter • Annual Awards Banquet
- Fishing Tournaments (Boat & Surf) • Special Events such as Oyster Roasts & Picnics
- Philanthropic Events to Benefit Organizations such as Hope House and Wish-A-Fish

Embroidered Shirts, etc.

All those who would like to get an item (Jacket, Shirt, etc.) embroidered, please bring it to the March meeting.

Patty Searby will collect them, gather your information, and send them off.

The charge for this is \$16.00 and is due that night.

Virginia Charter Boat Workshop

at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point

Saturday, March 25, 8:30 – 12:45

Featured speakers:

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

NOAA Greater Atlantic Region

Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Space limited, register for free by

EMAIL: susanna@vims.edu

*Raffle
prizes!*

Virginia Charter Boat Workshop Scheduled for March 25th, 2023 The Virginia Charter Boat Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 25th at the Gloucester Point campus of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and online via Zoom. Organized by the Marine Advisory Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in partnership with the Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association (VSSA), the workshop will highlight fishery resource, regulatory, and US Coast Guard updates. The workshop will provide an opportunity for members of the charter industry to speak first-hand with regional experts in fisheries and maritime safety. Participants can look forward to presentations from Robert Beal, Executive Director of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, in addition to the U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Tips for getting started in the business will also be shared from experienced captains. “This is a fantastic chance to participate in a program committed to helping the charter boat operator address current topics and challenges in the for-hire industry” says Susanna Musick with VIMS. Advanced registration is required. The workshop will be offered in a hybrid format with in-person attendance at the Gloucester Point campus of VIMS and virtual participation via Zoom available. Registered participants will be given virtual or in-person options based on availability. The workshop is free, but space is limited, so please register by March 17. To register, please email your contact information to: Susanna Musick, susanna@vims.edu, before March 17.

MRIP Field Technician Wanted

MRIP (Marine Recreational Information Program) Seasonal Data Field Technician

Duties and Responsibilities: The incumbent will conduct the field portion of the MRIP. This program includes the Access Point Angler Intercept Survey/APAIS and requires face-to-face interviews with marine recreational anglers. Field staff will travel to assigned sites to interview anglers about their fishing experiences, collect a variety of information, and weigh, measure, and identify fish by species name that the anglers have caught. Assigned sites can include beaches, piers, docks/jetties, and access points for private charter and head boats, including marinas, boat ramps and other points of entry to marine waters. Field staff is responsible for entering this data on a Samsung tablet while speaking with anglers at these sites. Paper forms may be used in the event that the tablet becomes non-functioning. There will be a 2-day training in the actual MRIP procedures including a Fish ID test and a Procedures Test. After becoming qualified to conduct the APAIS there will be on-site training to get the applicant comfortable conducting the survey.

Qualifications: Must be 21 years old. Must have a valid Virginia driver's license and access to a personal vehicle; personal vehicle use is reimbursed at 62.5 cents per mile, be willing to travel a reasonable distance to reach assigned sites; be available on weekends and weekdays, with additional availability during some evenings and nights. Individuals should be comfortable approaching and speaking with strangers; handling, measuring, and weighing fish; and working outside for extended periods of time in variable weather conditions. Must demonstrate communication and interpersonal skills, ability to work independently and follow prescribed procedures. Must be computer savvy in Word and Excel, and be able to copy, scan and send data from home.

Knowledge of fish species with experience in the area of recreational angling and familiarity of marine waterways in their local area is required.

Location and Hours: The seasonal data technicians may be required to work a minimum of three (3) 6 hour shifts a week although this is not a guarantee; must have flexible availability and be able to work any and all of the following shifts: 2am – 8am; 8am -2pm; 11am – 5pm; 2 pm-8 pm and 8pm – 2am; regular weekend work will be required and seasonal staff may be required to work up to 12 hours each weekend. The 2am-8am and 8pm-2 am are infrequent and always conducted with 2 Interviewers. Pay is computed at on-site time and administrative requirements such as timesheet and expense form submission. Starting Salary is \$16.50 p/h

Those interested may contact Jeff Allen at 757-325-8994 or email at; allenfoxhilllure@cox.net



Virginia Beach Angler's Club



Spring Crappie Tournament

Lake Smith Shore or Boat

Saturday, March 18, 2023



Entry Fee: \$20.00 per adult angler, \$10.00 per child under 16

Early registration contact Preston (info below) or register on March 18th at ramp.

Location: Lake Smith

Lines In: 8:00 AM

Final turn-in time: 4:00 PM

Crappie tournament prize paid on the longest single crappie fish.

\$150 Guaranteed 1st Place Prize, 2nd Place Prize Guaranteed \$75.00

Shore Anglers Only: Longest fish of any species wins rod/reel combo

Early Registration: Phone or email entry name(s) and number of anglers to:
Preston Mangum 757-582-1450 or PMangum@RoseandWomble.com.

Virginia Beach Anglers Club

Lake Smith Crappie Tournament Rules

March 18, 2023

Time: Lines in 8:00AM – Final turn-in for fish 4:00 PM. Prizes will be awarded at 5:00 PM.

Location: Lake Smith.

Gates open at 7:00 AM.

Captain's meeting at registration table at 7:30 AM.

Entry Fees: \$20.00 per Angler, \$10.00 for children under 16.

Registration: Register on day of tournament at judge's table before fishing.

Boat check before entering water.

Prize paid on the longest single fish. Length measurement rounded off to nearest 1/4".

Early catch submission is permitted either in person or by text photo submission (photo instructions and verification item will be given to each angler at registration on March 18 at ramp). Verification item must appear in all submissions. If angler is keeping fish, please wait and submit the largest fish caught. All others may submit as fish is caught.

Except for shore anglers, an angler may win only one place.

\$150.00 guaranteed 1st place, \$75.00 guaranteed 2nd place. Prizes can increase based on number of entrants. Shore anglers may win shore & crappie tournament prize. (see below).

Shore anglers may enter any fish caught during competition regardless of species. A single prize will be awarded to the longest fish caught from shore irrespective of species. Should a crappie be caught by a shore angler, it may be entered in the tournament as a crappie catch in addition to entering for the shore prize.

Use of all nets (except landing net) will disqualify angler.

Ties will be decided by the earliest fish entered. Decision of the weigh-master is final.

Surf Fishing News

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:

47th of 80 teams
3 fish for 7 points

Team B:

38th 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:

28th of 120 teams
21 fish for 41 points

Team B:

47th 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 2nd Membership Meeting. The fall tournaments will be drawn at the March 2nd 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.

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

Ocracoke - \$281
Hatteras Village - \$278
Long Beach Island – \$179 (Estimated)
Nags Head - \$210 (Estimated)
CHAC - \$274

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.

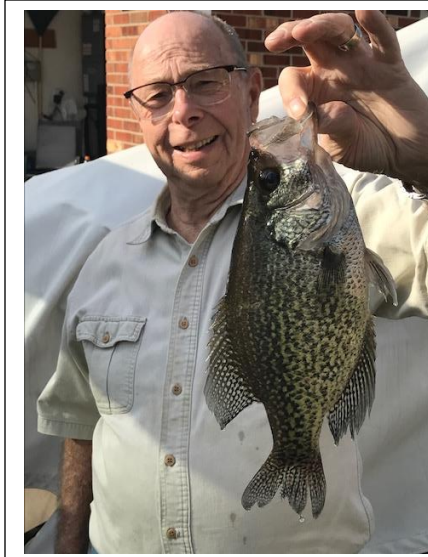
Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Freshwater News

Two fishing reports.

SUBMITTED BY PRESTON MANGUM

Went fishing on 2/16 with fellow club member Rick Kerns. Began fishing on Lake Smith in the morning and stayed until mid-afternoon. We caught 7 and lost 4 crappie! Almost all fish were over 11" long with the largest being 14½". I released 5 and Rick took home 2 for dinner. What a great day!



Ken Copenhaver and I went fishing in Lake Smith on 2/23. We got on the water about 11:30 and fought the wind to the area we wanted to fish. Pickings were pretty lean with just 3 fish boated, all between 11½" and 13". Back at the dock about 2:15. I released one and took the other two for eating. Another really good day!



Freshwater News



Crappie Report from 1/30/23:

Russell and I went to the Lake Smith/Lawson on a rainy but warm day (50 degrees) and found we were the only ones on the lake. The bite was okay and steady with a mix of club minimums and throwbacks. We began our hunt for crappie in Lake Lawson as we usually do but when the bite slowed we ventured out into Lake Smith. There Russell got his biggest club minimum 14.5 inch release crappie. I also got my biggest at 12 inches. In all Russell caught a 14.5", 13" and 12.5" club minimum releases and I caught a 12", 11.5" and 11" club minimum releases. All on shiners. Water temp was 51 degrees. I kept 5 for dinner.

Blessings,
Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower
jeisenhower2@cox.net
Mobile: 757-373-605

Freshwater News

February fishing with Russell in Lake Smith and Lawson:

2.7.23:

We had a warming trend with weather so Russell and I went to Lake Smith and Lawson for black crappie as a target but of course the bass and chain pickerel were biting as well.

I ended up with a 13 inch, 12.5 inch and 13.5 inch club minimum released as well as Russell catching 3 -12 inch keepers as well as 3-4 throwbacks. Pretty nice day for a February bite so we just had to go back the next day.

2.8.23:

We started later in the day at Lake Smith/Lawson since yesterday the morning bite was slow. It was still slow fishing so we moved around until we found a bite which gave Russell a 15 inch state citation size black crappie and a couple of 14 inchers. I ended up with a 14.5 inch club minimum and 5 keepers in the 12 inch range. Not to mention the 15 inch bass Russell caught. Medium sized shiners under bobbers near lily pad areas seemed to be the ticket for the best bite.

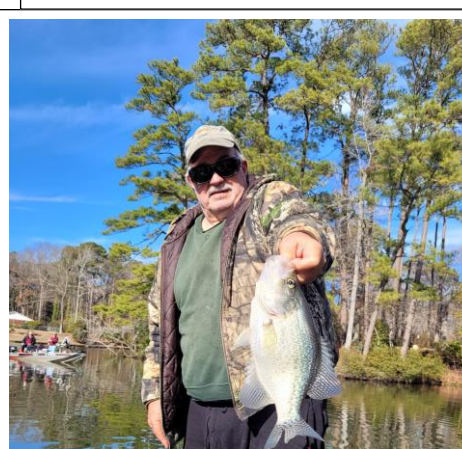
2.14.23:

Even though we wore out the bite the week before we just couldn't pass up a warm day at Lake Smith. Also I bought a fish scale to weigh some fish this time. Again as the day got warmer the bite increased. I weighed in a 13.5 inch club minimum release at 1 lb. 4 oz. and a 14 inch club minimum release at 1 lb. 3 oz. among at least 5 other crappies Russell caught and released as well. He also caught a 18 inch club minimum release chain pickerel but we didn't get a picture of it. Not bad fishing and catching for a February at Smith. The fish were all really dark black in pre-spawn mode.

Blessings,

Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower

jeisenhower2@cox.net



Freshwater News

Saugeyes Available in Our Area!



Saugeye Fishing in Virginia

Saugeye, *Sander canadensis* x *vitreus*, are a hybrid fish created by crossing a female walleye with a male sauger. In this video we take you behind the scenes to learn about how the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources produces these unique fish.

Additionally, we will highlight the benefits of saugeye from a management perspective and why we are stocking them in select waters across the central and eastern portions of the state. Tactics and techniques for catching saugeye are similar to those utilized in walleye fishing scenarios. We break down the various approaches from artificial lures to live bait and how to approach rivers or lakes when pursuing these toothy fish.

[Watch Now](#)

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
Conservation and Regulations:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard
T-Shirt Committee:	Chair – Patty Searby

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



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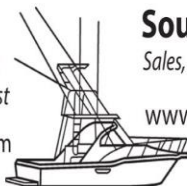
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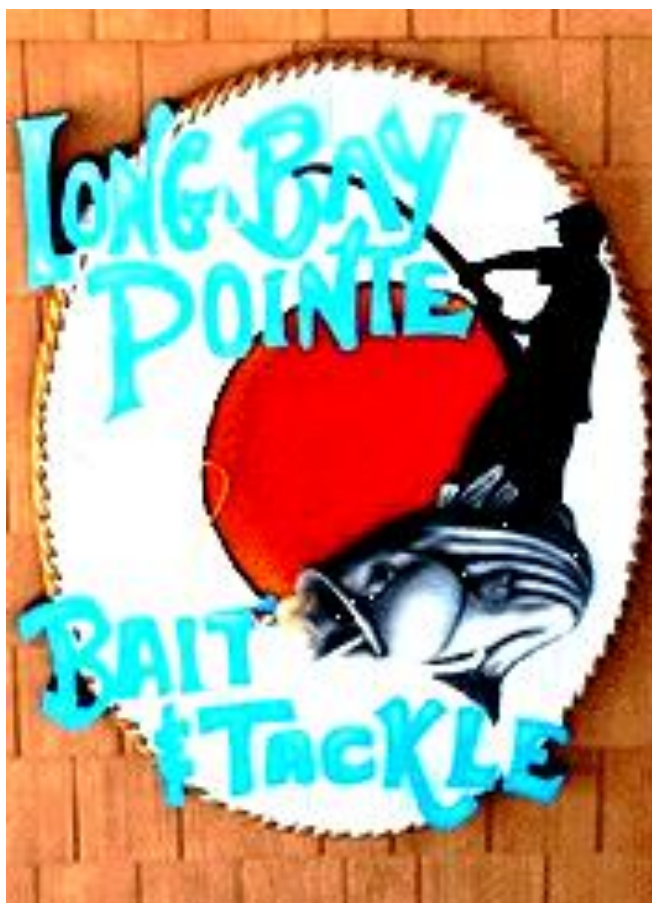
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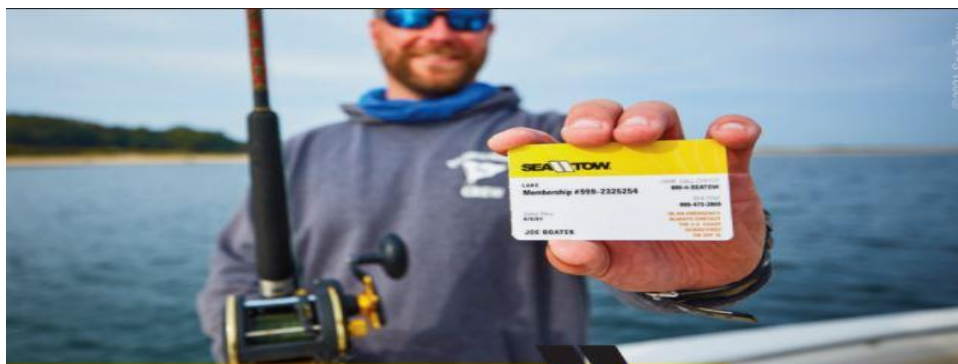
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- ❖ Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of 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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