



May 2023

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday May 4, 2023 at 7:30 PM

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

Speaker: Scott Castleberry with Purefishing.

Subject: The newest information on all the great fishing products from a number of manufacturers!

5/4 & 5/5 Ocracoke Invitational Surf Tournament.

5/6 – A Busy Day!

- (1) Oceans East Recruiting Table. Volunteers needed for a short time in the morning! Call Bob Burstein (267) 994-7423.**
- (2) Crab Creek Cleanup. Volunteers needed. Lunch served. Meet at the Crab Creek parking lot at the foot of the Lynnhaven Bridge.**
- (3) One of our supporters, Oceans East, will have “The Penn Event” in their parking lot. Please support our partner and drop by their location at 5785 Northampton Blvd. The event runs 8-6. 20% off all rod & reel combos and other savings opportunities!**

5/20 – VBAC Intra-Club Surf Fishing Qualifier – Sandbridge.

5/28 – Oceans East Recruiting Table. Volunteers needed for a short time in the morning! Call Bob Burstein (267) 994-7423.

6/3 – Fishing Charter for Charter Raffle Winners.

6/24 – New Date! Hunt for Hardheads Tournament. Our club competes against all area fishing clubs. We need participating anglers and boats. Details at the May meeting.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2023

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

Roulette Submissions
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:
vbangersclub@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.

The President's Corner

The Time Is Upon Us!

Not only is the month of May known for Cinco de Mayo, The Kentucky Derby and of course Memorial Day, it is also the start of what should be our local waters filling up with species of fish who hibernated for the winter. For our club members the surf fishing team will begin its tournament run with a trip to North Carolina. So, all in all I would say we are on the right track. If you will not be participating in the surf tournament, I hope to see you at the monthly meeting. This month's speaker Scott Castleberry is a close personnel friend, and business associate. Scott is the regional rep for Purefishing which includes brands Penn, Abu Garcia, Berkley, Ugly Stick and several more. His vast knowledge of the product and years in the business will be very informative and helpful to everyone.

Finally, I would like to personally thank everyone who made the Fish Fry a huge success! The turnout was fantastic and all the food including Bob's Bloody Mary's was delicious. If you missed this, shame on you! At the rate this is growing it will start to compare to our annual oyster roast.

'Til Next Tide,

Mark Lozier

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

2023 PLANNING CALENDAR

MAY	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	4-5	OCRACOCKE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	6	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
Date Change	6	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER – SANDBRIDGE
Date Change	28	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
JUNE	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	3	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY DAY)
Date Change	3	CLUB SPONSORED CHARTER FISHING TRIP
	9-11	OBX RETREAT & MARK WRAY TOURNAMENT
	15	BOARD MEETING
Date Change	17	SETON YOUTH FISHING TRIP
	22	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
Date Change	24	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 CLUBS SURF FISHING QUALIFER
	20	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	20	BOARD MEETING
	29	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE

VBAC 2023 Planning Calendar Continued

AUGUST	3	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	5	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	17	FISH & WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	17	BOARD MEETING
	19	ANNUAL HEAD BOAT CLUB CHALLENGE
SEPTEMBER	2	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8-10	HATTERAS VILLAGE INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	21	BOARD MEETING
	23	LONG BEACH ISLAND SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	30	STAN SUTLIFF MEMORIAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	30	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
OCTOBER	5-7	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	14	FALL OYSTER ROAST
	19	BOARD MEETING
	28	OCEANS EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	NOVEMBER	2
2-4		CAPE HATTERAS ANGLER'S CLUB INVITATIONAL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
16		BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – CHRISTMAS PARTY & GENERAL ELECTIONS
	21	BOARD MEETING

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EMAIL US AT: VBANGLERSCLUB@GMAIL.COM

Prize Fish Leaders

2023 Prize Fish Leaders for April

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	Kelly Hoggard	1/29/23	14 lb. 15 oz.	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	Alex Ramos	1/22/23	22 in.	Albermarle Sound

Saltwater Catch

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

Saltwater Release

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

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 4/27/23

VBAC SPONSORED ALL DAY CHARTER



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

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

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

A drawing for 6 lucky club members will occur at the **May 4th** general membership meeting. **Be prepared to pay \$120.00 that night if your name is drawn. Cash OR CHECK ONLY PLEASE, NO CREDIT CARDS.**

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

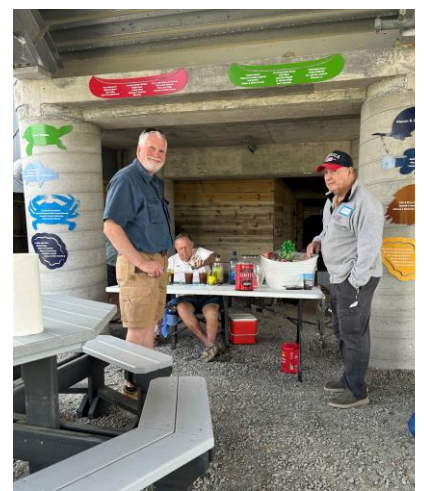
All of your fishing related gear will be supplied.

VBAC ANNUAL FISH FRY

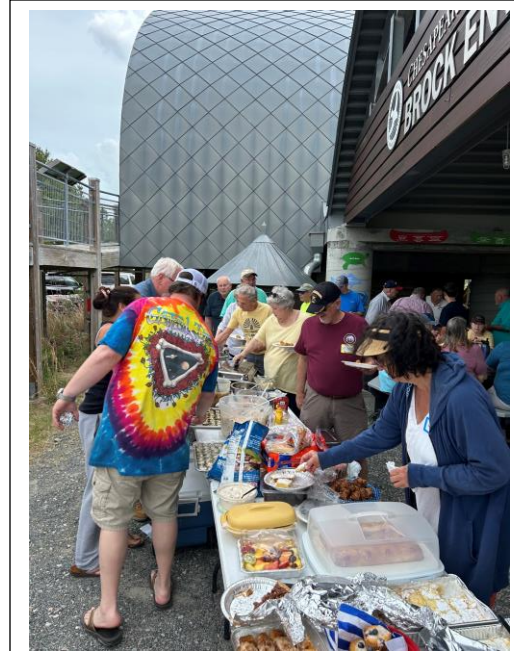
2023 Fish Fry

Last Saturday, at the Brock Center, the Virginia Beach Anglers Club held it's 2nd annual fish fry. Free to members with a modest charge for guests, we had over 60 participants. Kelly did an outstanding job cooking the fish (which he also caught) with the help of Lou & Chris. Please consider that it is no small task to catch enough fish to feed over 60 people. We had quite a spread. Jerry made the coleslaw, and everyone brought a side or a dessert. Plenty of food, Bloody Mary's included. Christine won the 50/50 and Caroline, the Bloody Mary basket. I would like to thank everyone for their help in making this event so enjoyable. A special thanks to Chris Moore, CBF, for the use of their facility. Please put the third Saturday in April 2024 (4/20/24) on your calendar, because we'll be back to do it again! Thanks.

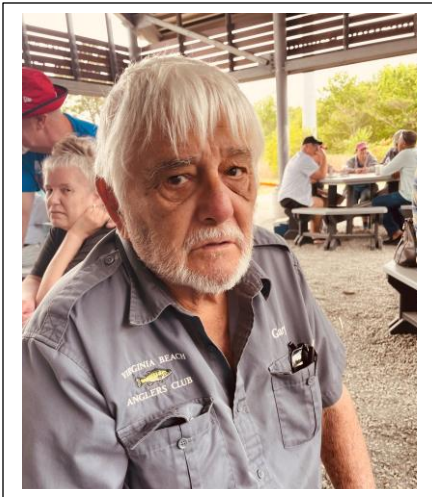
Pat Searby



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Hunt for Hardheads 2023

"Hunt for the
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Challenge



Sign Up
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Meeting!!

"Hunt for the Hardheads"
Saturday June 24, 2023

Norfolk Anglers Club, Virginia Beach Anglers Club,
Tidewater Anglers Club, and Great Bridge Fishing Association

A Croaker, Bluefish, Flounder,
Spanish Mackerel, Black Sea Bass, Sheepshead,
Spot, Spadefish, Triggerfish
fishing challenge among angler clubs.

Date: Saturday June 24, 2023

Location: Willoughby Harbor Marina

Measure In: Starts at 12:30pm ends at 1:30pm

Entry Fee: \$10.00 per Angler. (Includes Fishing,
Picnic, and Charitable Donation)

Picnic Only \$5.00

Rules:

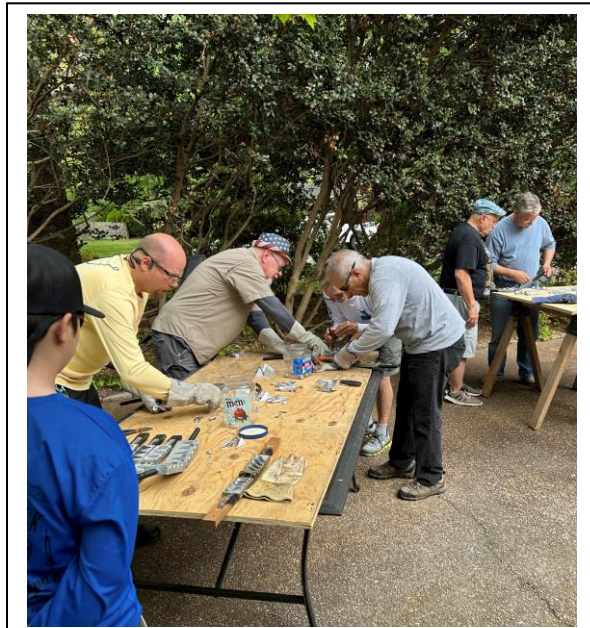
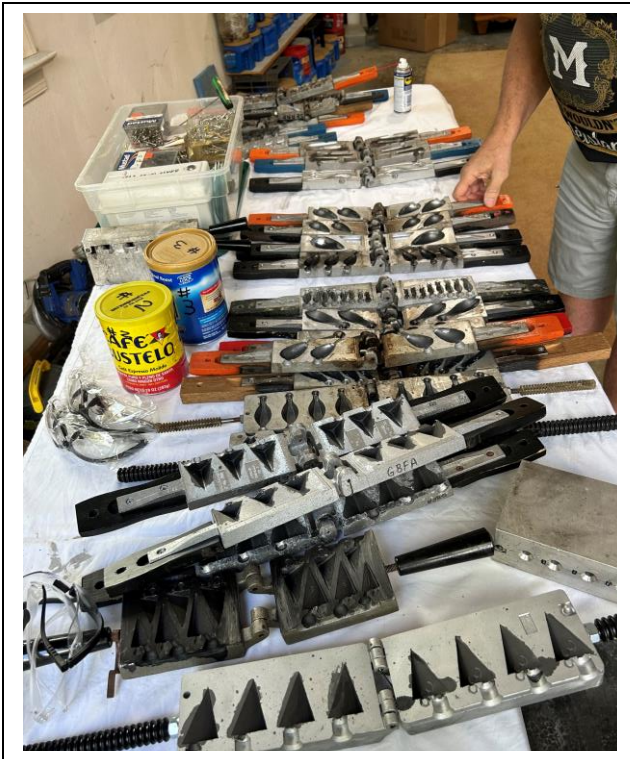
1. Clubs are limited to 20 angler entries. No restriction on number of boats or anglers on a boat. All anglers must be members of your club.
2. Boats depart from any Virginia Port - No fishing boundaries.
3. Measurement is length only. Girth measurement determines a tie.
4. Five Points awarded for longest fish, Four Points for second longest, etc. Up to five fish entries for each species. The Club with the most points wins!

VBAC ANNUAL LEAD POUR

Saturday, April 15 had 19 VBAC members turn out for the annual **Lead Pour** at the Anderson's house. The weather was very iffy the night before but the morning of the event turned out to be dry, cool and sunny. Members of all ages poured over 175 pounds lead into sinkers and lures of all shapes and sizes. That is a bunch of money that you, the members, saved on your sinkers this year. A hardy lunch finished off the afternoon. We hope to see you at next year's spring event. Note: If you have a special style/size of sinkers you like to use please provide that to Michael Anderson (VBAC Treasurer) who may be able to get a mold to support the club. Thank you for supporting VBAC's events.



VBAC LEAD POUR CONTINUED



MARK WRAY MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT



Saturday June 10th
Hatteras Island NC
Youth and Adult Divisions

Hooked on Hope VB 

BENEFIT RAFFLE



Mark Wray Memorial Tournament Rules and Information

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023

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

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

Awards Banquet and Raffle: 6:00pm

Tournament Headquarters: Frisco Woods Campground

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

Tournament Divisions:

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

Tournament Boundaries:

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

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

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

Saltwater News

Fishing Pretty Lake in April 19th:

The spring is not known for many fish being caught in Pretty Lake/Little Creek but that doesn't mean we haven't tried. Louis Glaser and I have gone out there at least 4 times and only caught fish one day. But it was a good day catching fish! We started fishing in the incoming tide out at the jetties but found nothing. The eastern jetty was heavily shoaled up and shallower than usual possibly because of the dredging of the creek by the Navy. So we heading into the Pretty Lake and tried several spots until we got to the back of the Lake when Louis nailed an 18 inch speckled trout! Our first for the new year here. Caught on a Electric Chicken 27 MR . MirrOlure. So I switched off of rubber jigs to the same lure and within 5 minutes had a 17 inch puppy drum on. From that point we ended up with 5 puppies caught and that one trout. One of those puppies was 21 inches long that you can see in the picture included and that one was a dinner for sure. Red drum are the best fighting fish on light or heavy tackle fighting a bull. They hit hard and always make a solid run for it after hitting your lure. But, after about an hour of this great fishing the school was gone. So far that was the best catching of the month so far. I just got a report from Louis who is out there now (Thursday) and so far nothing has been caught. But that won't stop us from trying.

Blessings,
Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower
jeisenhower2@cox.net
Mobile: 757-373-6051



Surf Fishing News

Ocracoke Island Invitational: May 4 & 5, 2023

Team A:

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

Team B:

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

Alternates:

Zac Thomas
Jeff Ratliff

Hatteras Village Civic Association: September 8 & 9, 2023

Team A:

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

Team B:

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

Alternates:

Dave Vachet

Long Beach Island World Series: September 23, 2023

Team A:

Bill Searby*
Patty Searby*
Jerry Hughes

NEEDED

NEEDED

NEEDED

Alternates:

NEEDED

Freshwater News

Submitted by Melanie Bayford

I have been busy with tax returns and helping two people get organized to do their taxes. Now I am getting ready to go to Ocracoke tournament. Took my boat out on the river last week to run the gas motor for the first time this year. Started and ran fine. Anchored a little up river and put some cut bait out. Had a lot of stealers for the baits, but caught a medium fat blue catfish, and a medium sized long nose gar. Only fished for about an hour when the wind picked up. Had to ask a friend at the ramp to help hold the boat straight in the wind to get it on the trailer straight. Melanie

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,
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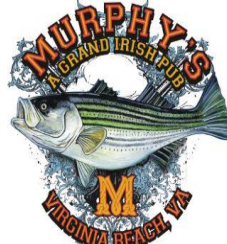


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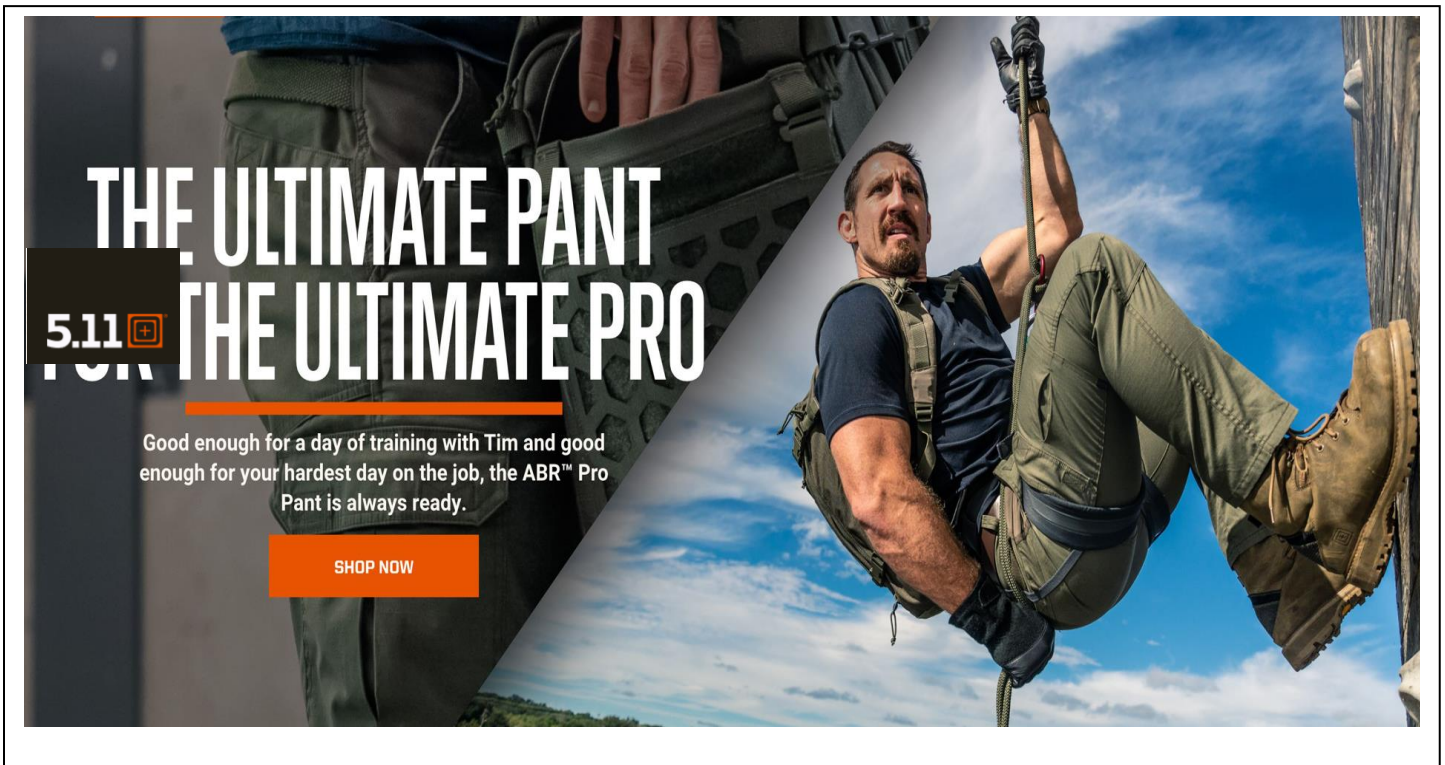
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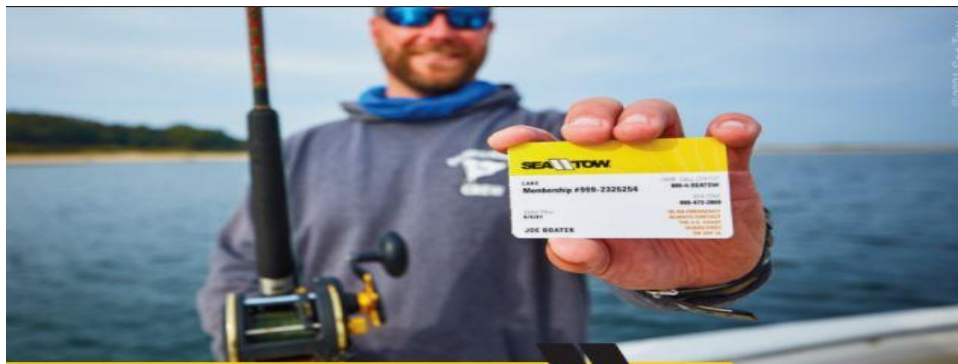
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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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:

President: Mark Lozier

First Vice President: Bob Burstein

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Treasurer: Mike Anderson

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