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VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday October 5, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.

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

Speaker: Mark Lozier

In addition to being our club president, Mark is an accomplished fisherman familiar with fishing around the bay for many of our diverse species of fish such as speckled trout. His talk will fishing methods, baits, lures, equipment, and perhaps some presentation tricks.

Subject: Conventional rod and reel fishing our bay and estuaries for fun and table fare chasing the elusive speckled trout.

10/5 – 10/7 - Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament.

10/14 – Annual VBAC Oyster Roast.

FREE to all members, guests \$15.00. Please bring a side or desert to share.

**Menu: Oysters, low country boil, and sausage and peppers.
Soft drinks and water will be furnished.**

10/19 – Board Meeting.

10/28 – Ocean's East Recruitment Table. Call Bob Burstein to volunteer. 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	Dave Smith	3 lb. 2 oz.
Yellow Perch		
Blue Catfish	Kelly Hoggard	14 lb. 15 oz.
Chain Pickerel	Preston Mangum	1 lb. 5 oz.

Roulette Submissions
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Catch-A-Ride

Please use new Facebook connection space.

- 1) Sign into your Facebook page.
- 2) On your Home Page, go to “Groups”.
- 3) Go to the “Search Groups” section of your Facebook page.
- 4) Type in “VBAC Fishing Crews”.
- 5) When the site comes up, click the “Join” button.
- 6) Site Administration will approve your request within 24 hours.
- 7) Thereafter, the site will be listed in your “Groups” section so you can easily reach it afterwards. You can answer an existing post for anglers or post your availability as an angler or boat captain and date of availability.

The President's Corner

You may have the newest reeled spooled with the best line on the market attached to the most sensitive fish fighting rod manufactured. Hanging off the tip of that rod is the fishiest, handcrafted lure ever made. None of this will do you any good if once you get on the water you have no understanding of the water you will be fishing. Reading the water is something you need to perfect. Not just making blind casts here there and anywhere else you think looks good and it may look good. But what is it that makes it look good?

Understanding the reasons why fish do what they do is a big key in knowing where they are, will be and went. Fish are creatures of habit and instinct doing what they must do to survive, find food and do it as effortlessly as possible. This means they need to have areas that consistently hold plenty of food, has good means of travel (plenty of water) and some forms of protection or structure to ambush their prey.

Going back to that "good looking" spot you found the next thing to learn is how to fish it effectively and efficiently. One of the biggest mistakes I see often is people who just get to an area and start bombing out casts. You need to slow your approach before getting to location X, start making visual observations. Is there bait moving? Which way is the current flowing? Sometimes the area may be small, and you only have a couple good casts before the spot is fished out so make them count. Other areas may be a large flat with plenty of sloughs and cuts covered by scattered marsh clumps. These areas need to be dissected by the time you have in the tide cycle to move through covering all key points where ambushing fish may wait.

The current is one of the biggest keys to help you methodically fish an area. This flow of water can help funnel bait right to its awaiting prey but too much current causes fish to fatigue. Always look for a structure that these fish can hide behind waiting nose up in the current to dart out from and eat their next meal. The structures can be as subtle as small depth changes to oyster and sand bars. Eddies behind points are other great places to focus on. As the water rolls around there is a calm little pocket right off the point before the water gets back together and resumes its strong flow. Always throw up current of these and let your lure come through with the current as natural as possible. Docks and other in the water structures can be good places to make some casts around as well. I usually like to pick out the older docks or at least the ones which look the least used.

The President's Corner

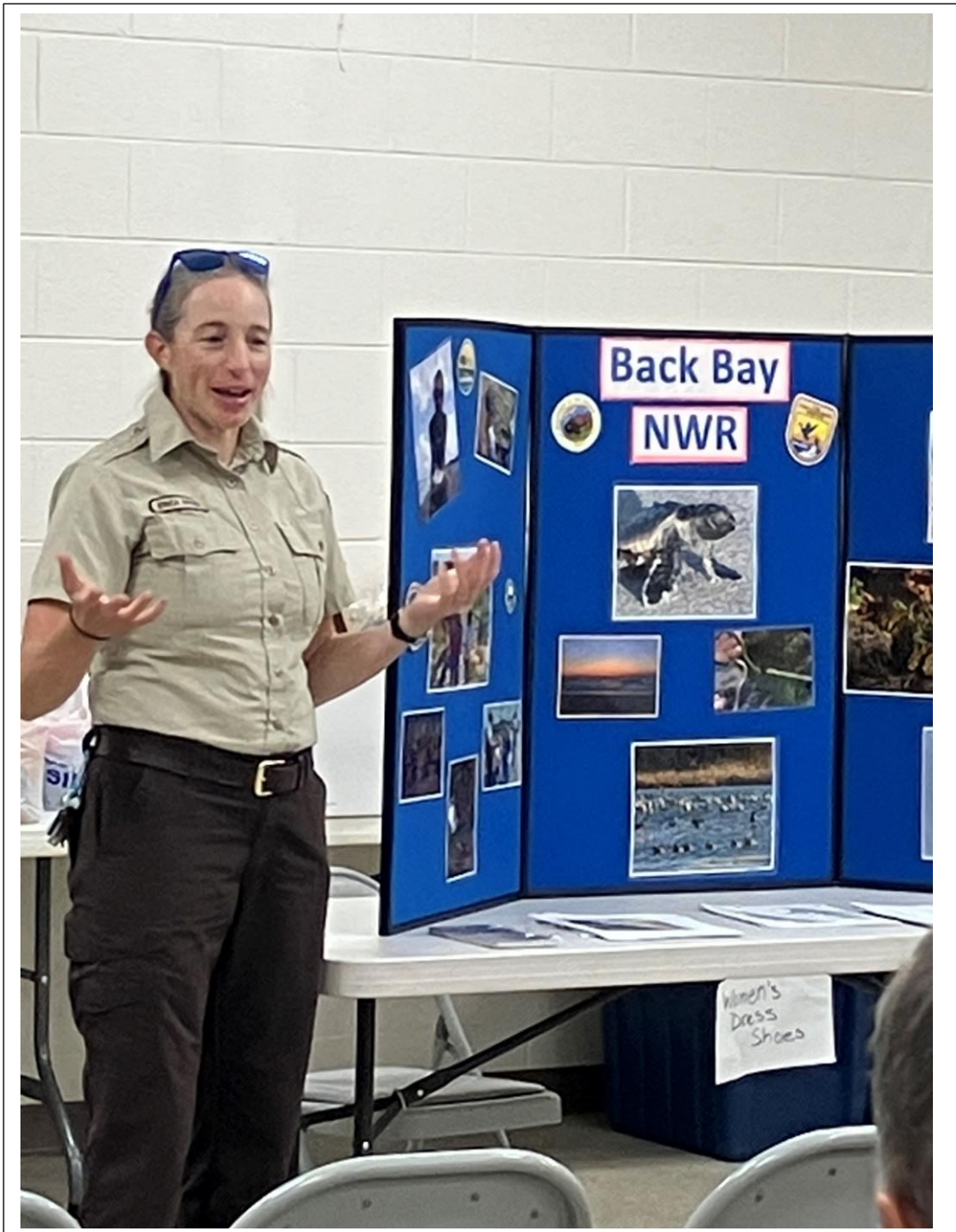
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Life these days is always full of hurry and instant results. Fishing isn't and shouldn't be like that. Take your time, make observations, be aware of your surroundings and always try to make the most educated casts. Have purpose to why you are fishing the way you are. Always learn something from your adventures and never be afraid to try something outside of your box.

'Til Next Tide

Mark Lozier

Our September Speaker



Erica Ryder
Visitor Services Specialist at Back Bay National
Wildlife Refuge.

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

2023 PLANNING CALENDAR

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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Oyster Roast Saturday 10/14



**Dining will be from noon until 4PM.
Everyone is asked to bring a side or a
desert to share.**

Menu

Low Country Boil

Grilled Sausage and Peppers

Oysters

**Volunteers for 10am Set Up are
needed.**

Please call Mark Lozier to help.

757-754-0062

Prize Fish Leaders

2023 Prize Fish Leaders for September

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
Long Nose Gar	Micki Walsh	7/22/23	33.5 in.	Piankatank River
White Perch	Micki Walsh	5/20/23	10 in.	Edenton, NC

Saltwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout (4)	David Smith	1/24/23	6 lb.	Rudee Inlet
Spadefish	Michael Kreckel	6/9/23	8lb. 13 oz.	Chesapeake Light Tower
Cobia	Kelly Hoggard	5/16/23	65 lb.	Offshore Oregon Inlet
Blueline Tilefish	Rick Hoggard	5/16/23	12 lbs.	Oregon Inlet Canyon
Pompano	Michael Kreckel	7/9/23	2 lbs. 6 oz.	Back Bay National Wildlife
Amberjack	Chris Schneider	6/9/23	40 lbs.	Cape Hatteras, NC
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	7/9/23	1 lb. 12 oz.	Back Bay NWR
Spanish Mackerel	George Gabriel	7/2/23	2 lbs.	Chesapeake Bay

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	7/9/23	15.5 in.	Back Bay NWR
Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard	5/4/23	51 in.	Ramp 72, NC
Shark	Alex Ramos	9/4/23	77 in.	Cape Hatteras, NC
Spanish Mackerel	Alex Ramos	6/25/23	18 in.	Little Creek Inlet

Prize Fish Leaders Continued

Spot	Alex Ramos	7/16/23	7 in.	Sandbridge
Bluefish	Alex Ramos	7/4/23	16 in.	Chicks Beach
Red Snapper	Eric Whisman	6/9/23	32 in.	Cape Hatteras
Croaker	Alex Ramos	7/15/23	8 in.	Sandbridge

Roulette Leaders

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout	David Smith	1/24/23	6 lb.	Rudee Inlet
Chain Pickerel	Preston Mangum	3/28/23	1 lb. 5 oz.	Speight Run Reservoir
Blue Catfish	Kelly Hoggard	1/29/23	14 lb. 15 oz.	Albermarle Sound
Spanish Mackerel	David Smith	7/18/23	3lb. 2 oz.	Sandbridge

Submitted 9/29/23

Hatteras Village Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament Results

September 8 & 9, 2023

Virginia Beach Anglers Club Team A

21st Place out of 49 teams – 3 fish for 7 points

Competing Anglers: *C-Kelly Hoggard – 2 fish; 6 points

*Rick Hoggard – 1 fish; 1 points

Micki Walsh – 0 fish; 0 points

Melanie Bayford – 0 fish; 0 points

Russell Willoughby – 0 fish; 0 points

Christina Chirichello – 0 fish; 0 points

Virginia Beach Anglers Club Team B

13th Place out of 49 teams – 4 fish for 10 points

Competing Anglers: *C-Patty Searby – 2 fish; 4 points

*Vic Muron – 1 fish; 4 points

*John Stout – 1 fish; 2 points

Mark Boettcher – 0 fish; 0 points

Vic Muron – 0 fish; 0 points

David Robertson – 0 fish; 0 points

*returning anglers for 2024

The Hatteras Village Invitational Tournament is run by the Hatteras Village Civic Association. It occurs during the peak of hurricane season and usually fishes ramp 55. There has been little accessible beach on Ramp 55 in the past few years, so the tournament has generally fished ramps 48 and 49. This tournament occurs early in the fall. Usually, the fall run is just beginning on Labor Day. In 2023, the excessive warm and calm weather has delayed the fall run until well after the start of the tournament. Anglers faced tough conditions with heavy kelp grass and strong winds in our faces. It wasn't too rough to fish but what bites we could find were very small. Roundhead and Bluefish were nearly all the scoring options. Over slot drum were not allowed to be scored so most anglers focused on smaller fish. Even though Hatteras had a record heat wave while we were there, the cool breeze in our face really helped. We also had numerous fresh faces at our tournament this year which is a good sign for our team competitions going forward.

Team A Report:

Written by Kelly Hoggard

Much of the team came down by Wednesday morning. That gave anglers an opportunity to fish the beaches and get an idea of what was out there. Noticably a lot of small fish. We started the tournament just west of ramp 49. We fished hard and we rewarded with some good bites. I caught a pair of bluefish back to back that went for 6 points. Rick caught a roundhead at the buzzer that managed to garner 1 point. Otherwise, our tournament was a bust. We had opportunities to catch some fish but just didn't capitalize on them. There were a handful of larger bluefish available but the grass was so tough to fish in that baits could not be left unattended for any length of time. We all fished hard and still managed a top half finish with our three fish.

Team B Report:

Written by Kelly Hoggard

Patty took the captain's chair for the first time in a tournament. I heard she doesn't enjoy it but managed the job well. Her brother unfortunately could not make the tournament at the last minute, so a fill-in was produced by Mark and John. Word is that this team was entertaining as always to watch! They performed nearly the opposite of team A. Their tournament was mainly fished on the east end by ramp 48. While scoring nothing in session 1, they scored in the remaining three sessions and were led by Patty! She often dominates the team with her roundhead and did so again this time around. They scored a total of 4 fish that earned a respectable 13th place finish. Mark Boettcher caught a 20 inch flounder! It would normally have scored 10 points but was unfortunately out of season. If only it was caught a few days later.

Congratulations to our teams on another great tournament effort!

Hatteras Village Surf Photos



Above photos submitted by

John Stout

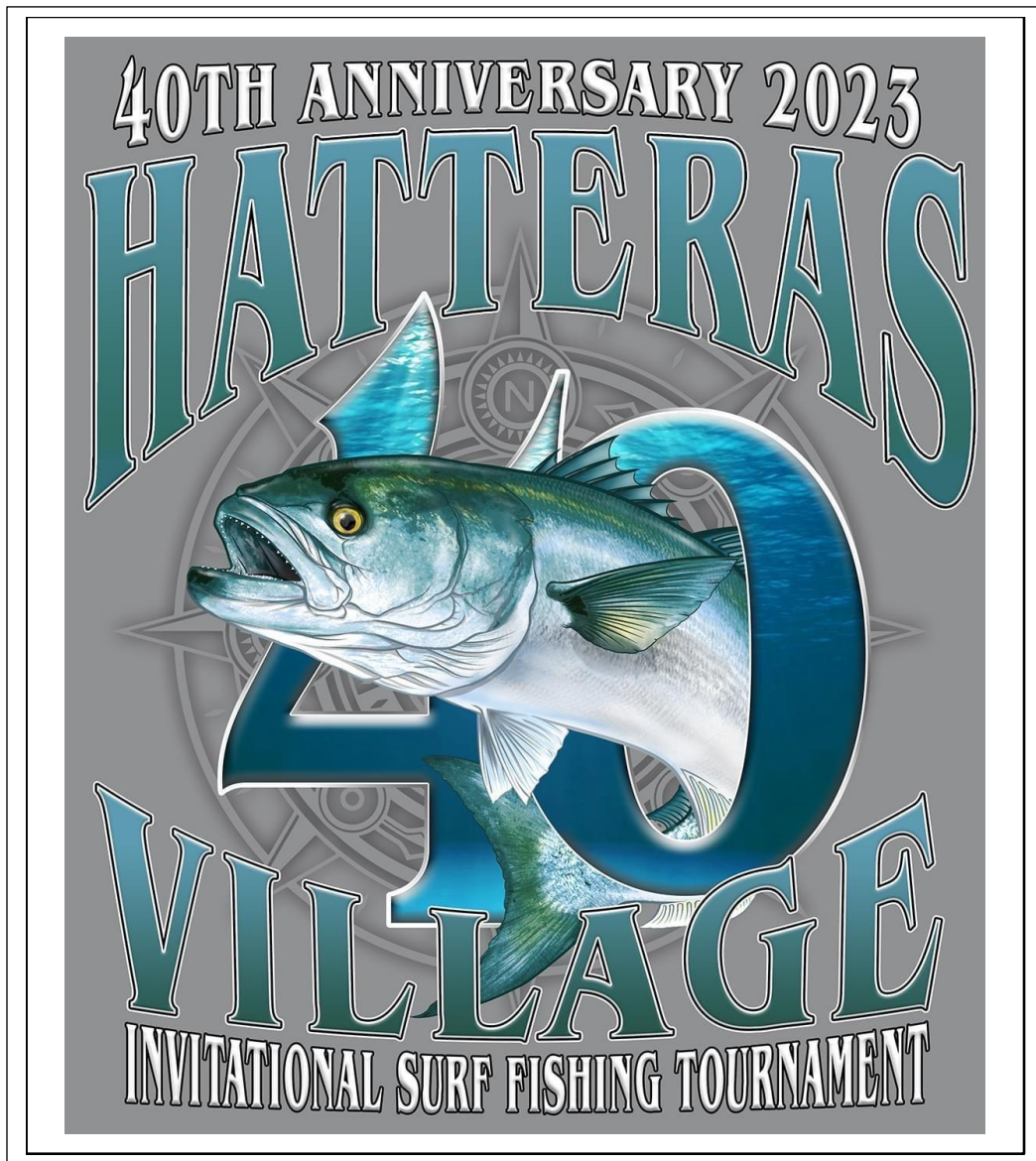
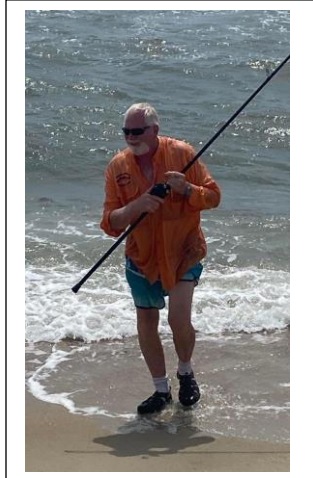
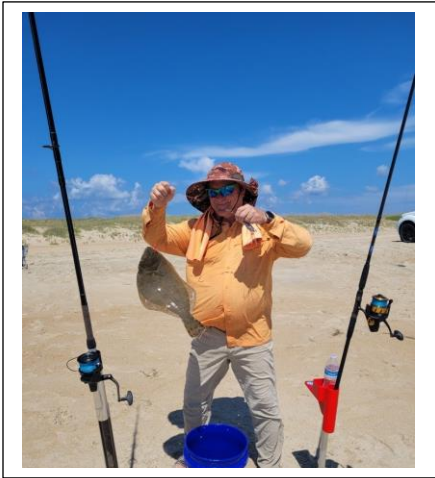
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If you have any old electronics (computers, printers, etc.) you'd like to dispose of, why not give him a call?

Ronnie Nixon

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Saltwater News



Topwater action at LC 9/12/23

Went fishing with Ned Smith on Louis' Carolina Skiff in the Little Creek looking for speckled trout. I had caught a couple the week before so we figured the bite might turn on at daybreak for topwater action. Once out there about a half an hour before daybreak the topwater was zilch. But I at least hooked an 18 incher at the jetties on a MR 18. Ned also hooked up one as well but that was all. Then around 9:30 AM we decided to try one more spot as a last resort. I decided to try topwater one more time and got a nice swirl and miss on the first cast and hooked up on the second cast with an 18 incher. From that point we stayed with the topwater lures getting a hook up or miss on almost every cast. By 10:30 AM we had boated 7 specks 17-19 inches and two puppy drum all on topwater MirrOlure She dogs or Henson One Knockers. At one point I hooked up something bigger and then saw a bluefish at least 25+ inches jump out of the water then bit off my lure. One of my favorites cream colored. Outstanding end of a fishing trip that started poorly.

Blessings,

Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower

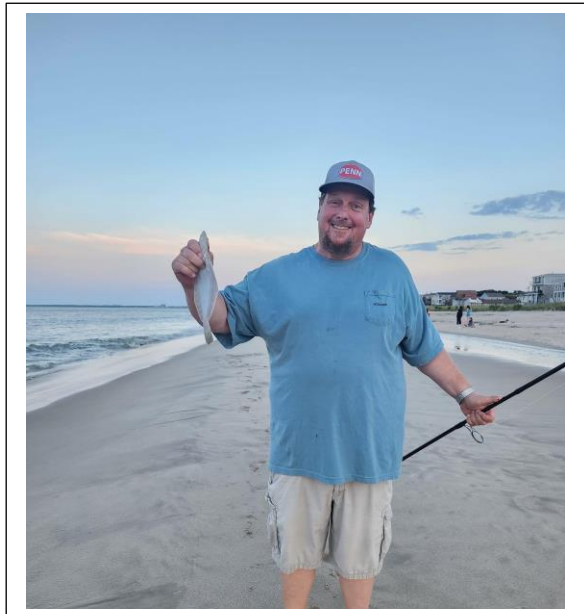
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Surf Fishing News

Great Evening Fishing Action!

Got together with some fishing friends to play in the lights next to the CBBT. We all caught fish that night. Skye is pictured with her croaker. Christina with her Puppy Drum. Byron with his first flounder from the surf! I managed to catch some bluefish, Spanish, and grey trout on casting lures. It was definitely an adventure this evening! *Submitted by Kelly Hoggard*



Surf Fishing News

Absolutely unforgettable morning in Hatteras!

Left the house at 2am with Ron and Alex. I'm just a few short hours, I went 8/15 on drum bites and 2/3 on shark bites. Alex also caught a 77" spinner that should have ended up on the grill if it hadn't been the first fish we hooked at the point. I got a pair of sharks both over 80". All the drum were 26-36".

We walked on to a personal favorite beach and managed some drum and shark action. Then went to the point later in the morning and the drum bite was on fire the entire time morning! Also got some nice bluefish on the drum rigs. Unfortunately, the drum were a long ways away from the beach. Only the best of heavers could get a bait out to them. Nearly every drum caught by the group was exactly 29".

Looking forward to more of this fall fishing weather!



Photos continued on next page.

Surf Fishing News



Article & Photos

Submitted by Kelly Hoggard

Fresh Water News



Is Recovery on the Horizon for the Candy Darter?

“This species’ range is small, but it does include two states. It’s a lot of coordination, but it’s the Endangered Species Act that is the glue that puts us all together in a united effort,” said Mike Pinder of the candy darter, a state- and federal-endangered fish species with remarkable coloring.

[Read On](#)

Fresh Water News



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
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Surf Tournaments:	Chair – Kelly Hoggard
Club Tournaments:	Chair – George Gabriel Co. Chair – Bob Burstein
Prize Fish:	Chair – Ike Eisenhower
Nomination Committee:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard
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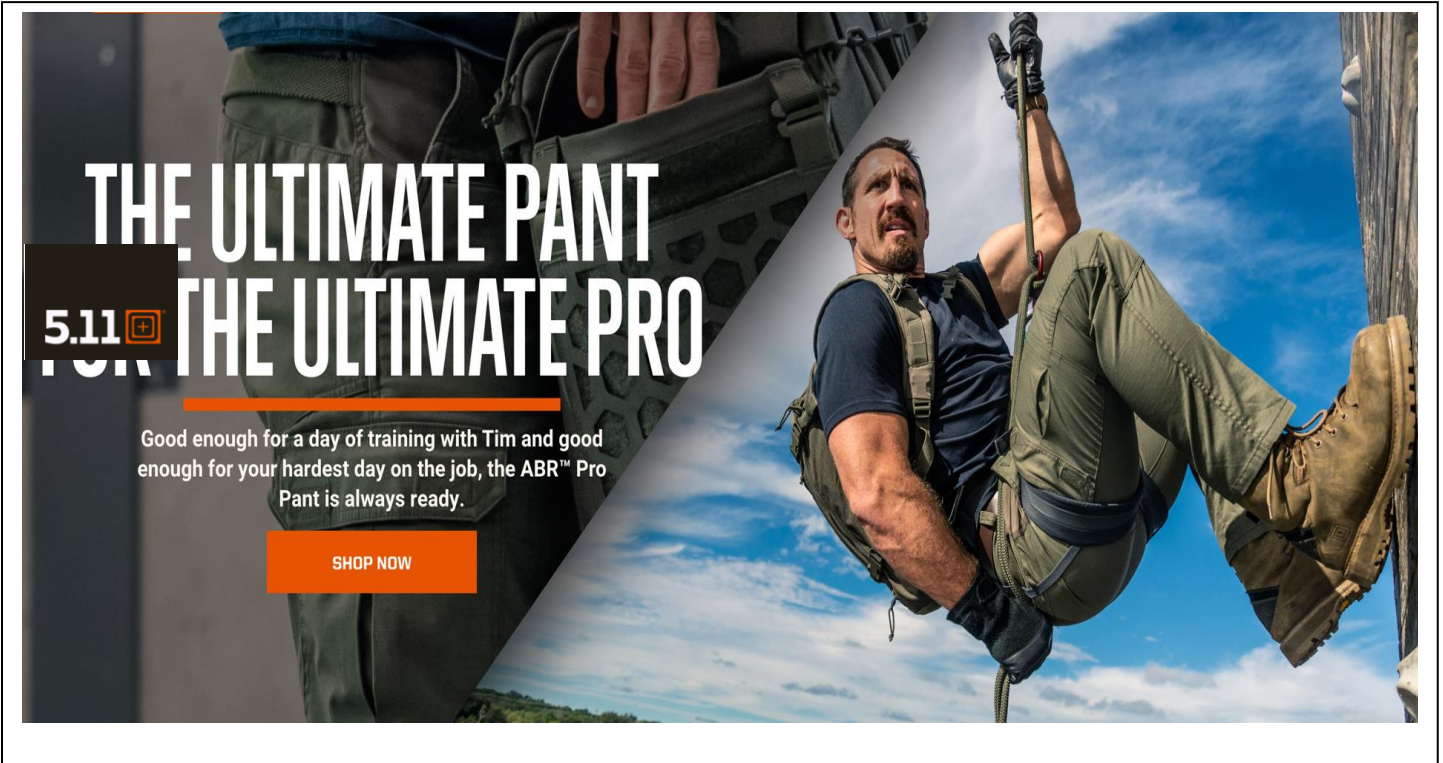


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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

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

Second Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

Corresponding Secretary: Lou Corigliano

Chairman of the Board: Chris Schneider

Board of Directors:

Gary Doerhoff

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