

August 2025



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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Meeting: Foundry United Methodist Church.

When: Thursday August 7, 2025 at 7:30PM.

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church

2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Speaker: Erica Ryder, Back Bay F&WL Conservation Officer.

Subject: Turtle Rescue & Back Bay Fishing Opportunities.

Erica has spoken at the club in the past and always has an entertaining and timely presentation!

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8/7 – Fish & Wildlife Kids Surf Fishing Clinic, call Rich Califf @ 703-919-2795 to volunteer.

8/9 - Crab Creek Clean-up. Meet Ronnie Nixon at the ramp parking lot at 9:30 AM. A light snack will be provided upon completion.

8/14 – Kid's Freshwater fishing clinic. Volunteers needed. Call Rich Califf @ 703-919-2795.

8/21 – Board meeting at Foundry United Methodist Church.

8/21 - Fish & Wildlife Kids Surf Fishing Clinic.

8/23 – Membership table at Ocean's East. Call Jennie Braithwaite to volunteer @ 757-615-5402.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2025

<u>Species</u> <u>Angler</u> <u>Weight</u>

Tautog Randy Whitman 4# 2oz.

Black Drum Kelly Hoggard 14# 15oz.

Spade Fish Michael Anderson 6# 8 oz.

Round Head Randy Whitman 1# 9oz.

Black Sea Bass David Smith 4# 7oz.

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.

President's Message

July was a hot month! Outside activity was greatly limited, and I've gotten very few fishing reports. Non with great success reported. No news about Cobia or Spade fish. Hopefully, everyone stays hydrated. August should start to cool off somewhat. During the month, we had two saltwater and two freshwater fishing clinics for the kids at the Back Bay Wildlife Refuge. Also a Crab Creek cleanup and a membership table at Long Bay Point B & T. All seemed to go well with no problems, but member attendance could have been better. Let's try to pickup the participation by members for August.

During August, we've got two saltwater kids surf clinics, one on August 7th and one on August 21st. Also a freshwater event is planned for August 14th. Richard Califf (703-919-2795) needs help for each event. If you can help him on any one day, please call him. Ronnie Nixon (757-536-6264) has a Crab Creek cleanup on Saturday, August 9th, and Jennie Braithwaite (757-617-5402) has a membership table at Oceans East B&T on August 23rd. They both need help too. Please call them to volunteer. Our meeting speaker for August's General Membership meeting will be Erica Ryder, Conversation Officer at Back Bay Wildlife Refuge. She'll be talking about the F&WL Turtle Rescue and Conservation Program. See you then.

VBAC 2025 Club Calendar

JULY	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	10	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	12	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	17	BOARD MEETING
	19	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER
	24	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
AUGUST	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	21	BOARD MEETING
	21	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
SEPTEMBER	4-5-6	HATTERAS VILLAGE INVITATIONAL -
JEI TEMBER	.50	SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	13	HUNT FOR HARD HEAD'S
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	STAN SUTLIFF MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	9-10-11	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	16	BOARD MEETING
	18	FALL OYSTER ROAST
NOVEMBER	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6-7-8	CAPE HATERAS ANGLERS CLUB INVITATIONAL -
		SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	20	BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
		HOLIDAY PARTY
		GENERAL ELECTIONS
	18	BOARD MEETING

Prize Fish 2025

2025 Prize Fish Leade	ers f July				
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Species	Angler	Division	Date	Weight	Location
Black Crappie	Melanie Bayford	Adult	3/15/2025	2 lbs. 5 oz.	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Marshall Weathers	Adult	4/14/2025	5 lbs. 11 oz.	Back Bay WM
	Fre	shwate	r Relea	se	
Species	Angler	Division	Date	Length	Location
Black Crappie	Ronnie Willoughby	Adult	3/13/2025	15.5 in	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Preston Mangum	Adult	3/15/2025	19.5 in	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel	Russell Willoughby	Adult	3/15/2025	18.5 in	Lake Smith
Black Crappie	Alex Ramos	Junior	3/15/2025	15.25 in	Lake Smith
Long Nosed Gar	Melanie Bayford	Adult	6/3/2025	34 in	Piankatank R.
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Species	Angler	Division	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout	David J. Smith	Adult	1/13/2025	8 lbs. 4 oz.	Rudee Inlet
Black Seabass	David J. Smith	Adult	2/5/2025	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Offshore VB
Bluefish	David J. Smith	Adult	2/5/2025	9 lbs. 2 oz.	Offshore VB
Black Drum	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/2025	14 lb. 15 oz.	Ocracoke
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/2025	4 lb.	Cape Lookout, NO
Roundhead	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/24/2025	1 lb. 9 oz.	False Cape WR
Spadefish	Michael Anderson	Adult	6/11/2025	6 lbs. 8 oz.	CLT
Division = (A-Adult),	(J-Junior), (G-Guppy)				
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Prize Fish 2025

	2025 Pri	ze Fish Lead	ers for Janu	ary	
Species	Angler	Division	Date	Length	Location
Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/2025	46.5 in	Rudee Inlet
Speckled Trout	David J. Smith	Adult	3/4/2025	19.5 in	Rudee Inlet
Red Drum	Liam Schramm	Guppy	5/31/2025	32 in	False Cape
Bluefish	Liam Schramm	Guppy	5/24/2025	34 in	Ocracoke Ramp 59
Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/2025	46.5 in	Ocracoke
Bluefish	Chris Schramm	Adult	5/24/2025	33 in	Ramp 59
Striped Bass	Shannon Ferguson	Adult	5/7/2025	33 in	Chincoteague
Spanish Mackerel	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/11/2025	18 in	Back Bay WLR
Tautog	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/11/2025	18 in	CBBT
	Rou	ulette Le	eaders		
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Spadefish	Michael Anderson	Adult		6 lbs. 8 oz.	CLT
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July Meeting







Thanks to Eric Myers with Heads & Tails Charters!





Cub Scout Sandbridge Trip

Saturday, July 19th was the day for VBAC and F&WL to host Cub Pack 374 for a surf fishing clinic in the surf at the Back Bay Wildlife Refuge. It was a bright sunny morning with a decent breeze, which made it comfortable, not too hot or too buggy. We had a little grass and a slight sweep, which made it very fishable. The program started with an hour of instruction on fish identification and rig and knot tying. Then the 17 pack members in attendance all fished and everyone caught fish, mostly small spot, round heads, pompano and hard heads. I think all the kids had a great time! I would like to thank Chris and Liam Schramm, Shannon and Lori Ferguson, Mike Muller, Steve Ludwig, Mickie Walsh and Randy Whitman for helping the kids to have a good time. We also need to thank Erica Ryder of F&WL for all the support provided. Please check out the following pictures.











Our F & W Kid's Surf Clinics

We have held three Kids fishing clinics at Back Bay wildlife refuge. Fishing has been good with mostly croaker, spot, and Sea Mullet(roundheads). This week two red drum right at 18 inches were caught. The young anglers had really enjoyed the sessions and have adapted to the instruction given by the angler volunteers. VBAC support for the clinics has been good, but we need some volunteers for the next month. Tidewater Anglers and Norfolk Anglers clubs have supported as well making this a community effort. This year the refuge asked us to include freshwater clinics. we have held one and it was successful. Tidewater Anglers club has taken the lead for the freshwater clinics. We have four clinics left, each Thursday for the next four weeks. July 31 and August 14 will be freshwater; August 7 and August 21 will be saltwater. We have started having lunch after the clinics at Margie and Rays crabhouse. They have a Thursday special scallop plate for 13 bucks that might be the best seafood deal in the 757 area. Hope to see you at a clinic-Rich

Rich Califf 703.819.2795











F & W Clinics Continued

























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Prize Fish Form

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB



Prize Fish Contest

Official Entry Form



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- Prize Fish Committee before the regular business meeting begins, following the month the fish was caught. To be eligible for the annual awards, all entries must be submitted no later than the second meeting following the catch. Catches made in December must be turned in by the following January meeting to be eligible for the previous year's awards.
- 3. The contest is free and open to all members in good standing whose dues have been paid before the catch, according to the club bylaws. There is no entry fee to participate.
- The territorial limits for the contest shall be the waters of Virginia and North Carolina and their coasts.
- To be accepted for entry, fish must be taken on hook and line and must follow all recreational fishing regulations as determined by the state to which it was caught. Only fish caught in waters open to public fishing may be submitted for entry to the Prize Fish Committee.
- To qualify for entry as a catch, all fish must be weighed on certified scales.
- In order to qualify for a club record, the fish must be weighed at an official state weigh station.
- Weights should be converted to pounds and ounces. A witness must be present and must sign the form. If the fish qualifies for a VA or NC state tournament citation, that receipt will meet these requirements.
- Entries in the monthly contest must meet "minimum club weight requirements" and will be considered for the annual contest. Minimum acceptable weights and lengths are set by the Prize Fish Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Acceptability of entries will be at the discretion of the Prize Fish Committee whose decision will be final.
- In the case of a tie in the catch category, length, then girth will be used to determine the winner.

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Best Pratices for Tarpon Catch & Release

Hooks:

- When using live bait, use circle hooks- these usually catch the mouth of the fish, rarely deep in the throat or belly like J-hooks.
- For deep-set hooks, cut the line as close to the hook as possible. Tarpon
 can evict hooks over time.





Fight Time:

Use tackle that matches the fish and conditions, and keep fight time short!
 Fight times over 30 – 40 minutes on adult tarpon will exhaust the fish and leave it vulnerable to predators. Fight times should be even shorter for smaller tarpon.

Predators:

 Tired fish are more vulnerable to predators like sharks. Avoid fishing in areas with high numbers of predators, and consider moving to another fishing location if predators are attracted by your activity. If you are fighting a tarpon when a shark appears, cut or break the line so the fish has a chance to escape.

Other Tips:

- Don't use a gaff; instead, carefully secure the fish in the water boat-side by hand or with a sling.
- Weight can be calculated using length and girth use the calculator at BTLorg/Tarpon-Weight-Calculator.
- Minimize handling of the fish, avoid removing the fish's slime layer. The slime layer provides protection against bacteria and disease.
- Tired fish? Hold the tarpon upright until it recovers. If necessary, move the tarpon slowly forward to move water in the mouth and out of the gills from front to back. Wait until the fish can swim upright on its own before release, and shorten your fight time on the next fish.



- If the fish is larger than 40° or 1m fork length, do not remove it from the water. Take photos with the fish in the water, and keep boat-side time short.
- For smaller fish, in-water photos are still best. If the fish is removed
 from the water, minimize exposure of the fish to air. If the fish is not still
 dripping in the photo, it has been out of the water too long. Get the
 camera ready, and the photo set up before removing the fish from the
 water for the photo.

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Remembering a Friend

Last July Jerry "Doink" Hughes taught me how to catch slot Puppy Drum on the Lynnhaven River. He was generous with his time and knowledge and he loved to fish as much as anyone I have known. He is sorely missed. RIP Doink.

Rich Califf



Help with Fishing

I would like to volunteer to answer questions from club members, especially newer members about all types of fishing.

My many years of fishing have included salt water boat fishing in the southside region as well as the peninsulas and waters in between.

I have fished freshwater bodies of water in the southside and peninsulas and Williamsburg and Lake Prince in Suffolk. Also, the upper James River for big catfish.

Surf fishing and Pier fishing are also on the experience list.

If there is anything that you would like to know about trying for a new location or species, I will give you info if I have experienced it.

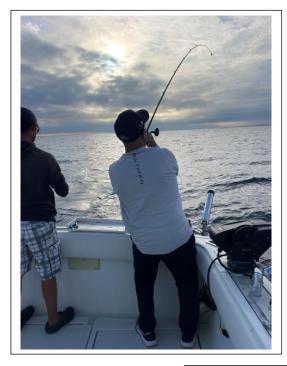
I can be reached at my home phone where you can leave a message if I am out fishing. I will accept and/or return calls between the hours of 10 am and 8 pm.

Melanie Bayford - 804-210-1212

Jerry Mariano's Trip North on Lake Ontario









Next Stop – Alaska!

John Stout submitted the following information and pictures. He and Brian Silver, & Rich Califf all went out tuna fishing on the Huntress. The results are shown below.













Chris and Liam spent some time off-shore. Liam caught his personal best Black Sea bass and his first Sailfish and Mahi!







7/28 Afternoon report from false cape. Fished from 2 to 5:30 today. Moved 3 times and finally got a bite. Park manager even came by to fish and he lost a nice one in the wash.

Water was super clear, patches of grass. These were all close on fish bites and sand fleas.







My Grand girls fishing:

I had my granddaughters Kenzie and Avery for a week after they spent a week at Triple R Ranch with the horses. I took them fishing on 7/18, the only non-windy day, in 95-degree heat. But we beat the heat by fishing under the Pretty Lake Bridge tied to the piling. Great fun for them. Kenzie says she counted 29 fish that we caught in two hours. Spot were the biggest fish we caught but released them all. Croakers, Black Sea Bass, Oyster Toads, Pigfish and Spot were plentiful, and we were totally comfortable as well in the shade. Avery has the hat on; Kenzie has the concerned look. Dairy Queen afterwards of course. They don't have DQ's in NOVA.

Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower drik8251@gmail.com







Committees

2025 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Chair - Russell Willoughby Boat Show: Calendar: <u>Chair – Ronnie Nixon</u> Co-Chair - Shannon Ferguson Chair - Ronnie Nixon Crab Creek Clean-Up: Great Bridge Flea Market: Chair - Preston Mangum Co-Chair – Rick Kerns Banquet/Oyster Roast: Chair – Patty Searby Seton Youth: Chair – Shannon Ferguson Co-Chair - Bob Burstein Raffle: Chair - Aaron Walker Audit Committee: **Chair – Mike Anderson** Chair - Kelly Hoggard **Surf Tournaments:** Club Tournaments: Chair - Bob Burstein Prize Fish: **Chair – Ike Eisenhower** Nomination Committee: Chair - Russell Willoughby Co-Chair – Patty Searby Conservation and Regulations: **Chair – Butch Eason** Co-Chair – Kelly Hoggard **T-Shirt Committee:** Chair – Patty Searby



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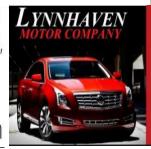
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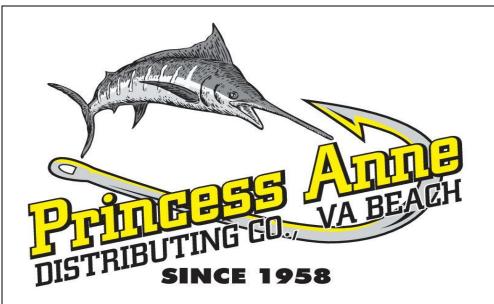
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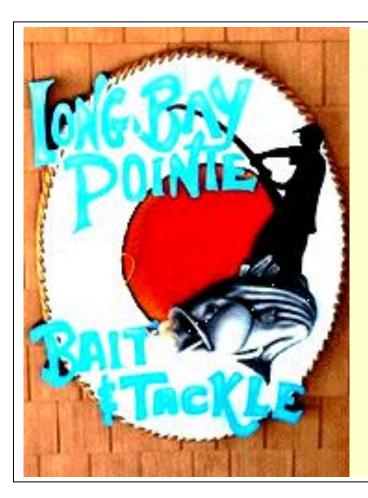
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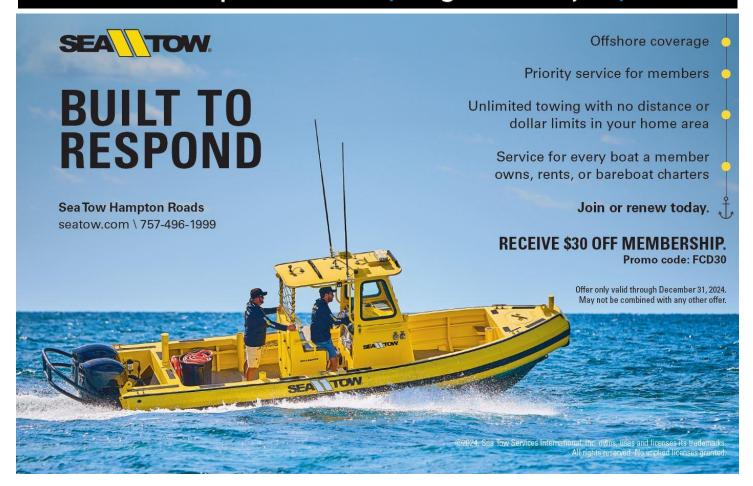
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Our Objectives:

- 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.

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Second Vice President: Tom Morgan

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